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## The President Speaks

Since the Texas State Guard came into being it has been forced to go around with its hand out crying, "Brother, can you spare a dime for the Texas State Guard?"

The cry has gone to city and county governments, various associations and wealthy individuals who saw the great need for this internal security force and were willing to help pay for it.

This hand-out attitude was necessary because it was the only way that the Guard could get the necessary funds for armory rentals, transportation and other needs.

The Guard should not have had to do this.

The Guard is not a city, county or community proposition.

It is a statewide organization of which every citizen can be proud.

As a statewide organization it should be financed by the state.

For some time the Texas State Guard Officers Association has been working to secure a larger appropriation for Guard units over the state in addition to the funds allotted through the adjutant general's office.

These funds will be used for armory rentals and a host of other items that now are being taken care of by individual battalions through holding out their hands.

The petition of the officers of the association for these funds now is before members of the 49th legislature in session at Austin.

Whether the Guard gets the financial assistance it deserves—assistance that would put it on a par with state aid received by guards in Illinois and many other states—depends upon Guardsmen.

It is up to you to tell the representatives and senators from your area about the great need and urgency of these appropriations.

Get them on the phone, send them a wire or write them a letter.

And have a State Guard that will not have to lower its dignity by going around begging for things that are needed to insure the internal security of Texas.—Lt. Col. E. D. Konken, President, Texas State Guard Officers Association.

## Huge Bomb Glances Off Yank's Helmet

Tacloban, Leyte.—Probably the only man alive who has parried a 500-pound bomb with his head is in the hospital here, feeling chipper after his experience.

"I was standing on a knoll above the beach when some Jap planes came over," the soldier said. "I looked up and saw the bombs come out of the planes, and then got sort of paralyzed, so I couldn't move. One bomb came at me, hit my helmet, glanced off, bounced once and exploded 100 yards away."

The bomb tore his helmet and some of his scalp off, in passing, but killed three men and injured five when it exploded.

The five injured soldiers bear witness to his story.

## Col. Holman Heads Paralysis Fund Drive

Henderson, Texas, Jan. 6.—Lt. Col. Ralph Holman, Joinerville, commanding the 23rd Battalion, Texas State Guard, has been elected Rusk County chairman for the annual drive for funds during the infantile paralysis national campaign.

## How To Best Use Your Scout Cars

(Editor's Note: This article was prepared by Colonel Melvin R. Finney, U.S.A. (Ret.), and the Second Training and Research Unit, Texas State Guard. Col. Finney is P.M.S. & T. of the Peacock Military Academy, and has contributed many fine articles to The Guardsman in the past. He is co-editor of the State Guard Officers Reference Book.)

The State Guard is very fortunate indeed in that each battalion is now equipped with two or more Scout Cars, trucks and motorcycles, with command cars and ambulances already received or on their way. Let us now first consider the definition of a Scout Car:

A SCOUT CAR is a partially ar-

mored, wheeled combat vehicle designed primarily for reconnaissance. Many problems will arise as to the proper employment, to best advantage, of this car for the State Guard. The body is protected by ¼-inch armor plate on the sides and in rear. The two fuel tanks, holding 15 gallons each, are under the seats in the driver's compartment, and are protected underneath by steel plate. This armorplate will protect against .30 caliber rifle fire, but not armor-piercing ammunition of the same caliber.

It should be noted that there is no overhead protection. This will, on many occasions, limit the employment of the vehicle. Another of the characteristics to be considered is their mobility. It cannot be turned in less than a circle of a radius of 15 feet (generally more) and cross-country movement is very limited.

### Uses of Scout Cars

We must consider a number of things before we can arrive at a conclusion as to how to employ the Scout Car, namely: Is the vehicle to be employed only on missions for which it was originally designed? Does it admit of other uses than those of reconnaissance? Will it be a good combat vehicle for the type combat that will confront the Guard? Will it be possible to employ the Scout Car as a cargo carrier, a personnel carrier, a command car, a liaison car between detachments widely separated, a weapons carrier, a patrol car, or merely transportation to post or change reliefs on widely separated posts? Answers to all these questions and more will be the solution as to how it will be manned and equipped, and how the car shall be employed to best advantage.

It is believed the Scout Car, if it is to be of any material value to the State Guard, must be employed in many different ways other than reconnaissance, since most information needed should have been obtained by intelligence operators on the scene before troops arrive at

the area. Surely the members of the guard can devise ways and means to employ this car to good advantage in the many emergencies which may confront them.

As for use in the type of combat that may arise, it is rather doubtful whether the weapons in the car should be employed on the car. However, it might be well used to convey the weapons to the vicinity of the disturbance to be employed on the ground, in buildings, or from the tops of buildings.

### Cargo Carrier

It could be used as a cargo carrier in case other lighter transportation is not available. As a personnel carrier to rush detachments to the scene of a sudden emergency (See SCOUT CARS, Page 13)

## Houston C. of C. To Seek Funds For State Guard

Taking the leadership in a movement that may have far-reaching results for the Texas State Guard, the board of directors of the Houston Chamber of Commerce will work with Harris County members of the legislature for increased funds for the guard.

Lt. Col. Edward D. Konken, commanding the Second Battalion, Houston, and president of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, has received word of the Houston chamber's intentions to push for money for the guard.

In a letter to Col. Konken, W. N. Blanton, general manager of the Houston C. of C., said that body would work for legislation to "provide adequate appropriations for maintenance of the guard on a statewide basis."

"It is to be hoped," said Col. Konken, "that the forward looking action of the Houston chamber will be followed by similar action over the state."

(See C. OF C., Page 8)

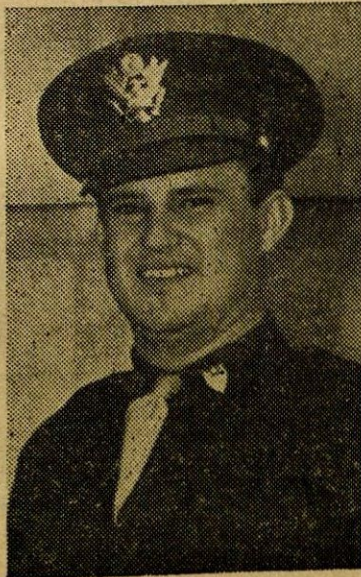
## Former Guard Captain, Wounded In Battle, Writes Vividly Of How It Is Under Fire

One of the most vivid accounts that have come back from France about how it feels to be under heavy fire has been written by former Capt. R. L. Harris of the Texas State Guard.

Lynn, as he was known to his friends, joined the guard in Dallas and rose from the ranks. He spent some time on active duty in the adjutant general's office and drew up the statewide recruiting plan that was used two years ago.

He was an associate editor of The Guardsman. The story that follows is made up of excerpts from letters written to John Q. Adams, official of Interstate Theatres, Dallas, with which Harris was connected when he entered the service. Dear J.Q.A., Van and Bill:

Of course you can't write it off of your income tax, but the greatest contribution you have made were your three letters which all



arrived today, though two were mailed on the 12th, and the other on the 16th.

Please excuse me for answering them collectively, but my movements are so restricted that I haven't enough material for three individual letters.

Upon landing in England, I was rushed to a midway point, stripped of the uniforms so carefully fitted in Ft. Meade, loaded with more equipment than you could believe, hoisted aboard another train, and shot aboard another ship.

The trip across the channel was something I shall never forget, as was the landing on one of the principal invasion beaches—a sight that can't be described—you have to see it. Only hours later, I was passing through Saint Lo, so complete in its devastation that it was breathtaking. Imagine Waco with (See HARRIS, Page 20)

## Call Is Issued On Statewide Non-Com Ass'n

The Houston Non-Commissioned Officers Association, which was organized in September, 1944, this month, through the columns of The Guardsman, issues a call for a statewide organization of non-com personnel in the Texas State Guard.

Believing that "in union there is strength," Sgt. Morris K. Womack, Second Battalion, president of the Houston association, invites inquiry from all other battalions in the state as to the organizational set-up of the Houston unit.

Sgt. Womack sent the following letter, in which he outlines the Houston organization, to The Guardsman:

### First Meeting

Along about September of 1944 two representatives of the four battalions in Harris County, 2nd, 7th, 22nd and 48th Battalions, Texas State Guard, met at the Houston Club for an informal dinner and discussion with the end in view that greater cooperation be gained between the battalions in this area.

The representatives were non-commissioned officers who realized that the real backbone of any strictly military organization is its non-commissioned officers. To this group is transmitted the directives which cause the plans of the policy makers to be activated. Until the non-coms take hold, an order is still just an order. They make of it a live thing.

With this realization came the thought that even though the training program as outlined by various staffs was fundamentally the same, nevertheless, the manner in which these plans were carried out could be quite divergent unless some means of comparing notes and reaching a mutual understanding between the battalions was devised. Since the burden of carrying out plans rested on the non-coms, what could be more logical than that the non-coms should associate themselves into a body whereby notes could be compared, criticisms aired, and a consistent manner of training decided upon and simultaneously carried out?

### Purpose

So, the Houston Non-Commissioned Officers Association came into being. The sincerity of its purpose is simple yet fully expressed in the title section of its constitution and by-laws. The full title reads as follows: "This Association shall be known as the Houston Non-Commissioned Officers Association of the Texas State Guard. The purpose of this Association shall be to further the interest of the Texas State Guard."

Under these terms of the constitution two members of each battalion were selected, and one of each pair was elected at a meeting of the whole group as an officer, the remaining representative becoming automatically a director.

### New Officers

Under this system equal representation was assured, yet by the very equality which was sought to be established, the Association almost fell by the wayside. It so happened that three of the first elected officers were promptly made commissioned officers, thus automatically cancelling their eligibility for the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.

It became a ship without a rudder, and a boat without a sail. But the true worth of the organization (See NON-COMS, Page 8)



## Big Spring Unit Observes Anniversary

Officers and men of Company E, 34th Battalion, Texas State Guard, observed the third anniversary of the organization of the unit with a special celebration at the county warehouse at Big Spring on January 12.

It was in this same place, which has served as armory for the company, that the original muster was accomplished on January 12, 1942, climaxing many months of effort to secure a guard unit for Big Spring.

Among out-of-town officials invited to the event were Lt. Col. Joseph W. Pyron, commanding officer of the battalion, and these members of his staff: Maj. Fred A. Haish, executive officer; Capt. Robert M. Neill, organizations and training officer; Capt. Isaac W. Usery, commanding officer of Company A; First Lt. Warren B. Hisel, assistant O. & T. officer; and First Lt. Samuel A. Moore, Jr., commanding officer headquarters detachment. All are from Odessa. Capt. O. B. Jarvis of the Texas State Guardsman was on hand for the celebration.

### Bronze Stars

Capt. Hudson L. Bohannon, commanding officer of Company E, invited families of company members to participate in the program, which included a meal prepared by the men. Highlight of the program was presentation of bronze stars for three years of service to Capt. Bohannon, First Lt. Leslie D. Thompson, Second Lt. Joseph E. Pond, Jr., First Sgt. Cyril O. Bishop, S/Sgt. James A. Falkner, Schyler L. Robinson, J. L. Sitchler, Kelley E. Lawrence, and Sgts. Lonnie B. Dempsey, John L. Dibrell, James G. Glenn, Oscar Glickman, James A. Selkirk and Roy Tidwell. Sgt. Joe Blum already holds the bronze service star.

The company was organized six days after it was federally recognized with Cliff D. Wiley as captain, H. L. Bohannon as first lieutenant and L. D. Thompson as second lieutenant. With the resignation of Capt. Wiley, remaining officers were promoted, and Joe Pond, originally a platoon sergeant, was commissioned.

Since its organization the company has put in 571 hours of drilling time—meeting twice a week for two and one-half hours. This does not include the time spent on battalion maneuvers at Odessa and on company maneuvers near here. Sixty-seven men have gone from the company into the armed services. No less than 21 members have qualified on the rifle range—seven as sharpshooters and 17 as marksmen. In addition there has been practice with sub-machine guns.

### Inspections

Periodically the company has stood federal and state inspections, and on each occasion has come out with good ratings. A considerable amount of clothing, equipment, and ordnance has been placed at the disposal of the unit by the federal government and their equipment has been provided locally to make the unit fully capable of action in the field.

Both city and county contributed to uniform purchases at the outset and have made regular monthly allotments to maintain the unit. On one occasion the guard raised money to finance its activities.

Businessmen of Big Spring took out a full page advertisement in the Big Spring Herald, congratulating the company on its anniversary, which said in part:

"Drafted by their own consciences, they have been training rigorously and consistently as soldiers without any pay except a satisfaction of service and the thanks of a grateful community."

The Herald also carried a congratulatory editorial which read:

### BIRTHDAY FOR THE GUARD

Today the local unit of the Texas State Guard observes the occasion of its third birthday—and with justifiable pride. Although it has labored with seemingly lack of

(The following excellent article is reproduced in The Guardsman through the courtesy of the Infantry Journal.)

### By SGT. SERTORIUS

Several weeks ago I began my fourth year of military service. In view of the dimly remembered fact that when I began my first year the end of what I then optimistically anticipated as twelve months of service seemed dismayingly far away, I am rather surprised and pleased to have completed a bona fide hitch in the Army. I am now a man with a foggy. My base pay is now incontestably more than that of mere two-and-a-half-year soldiers. I am, in terms of the new Army, an old soldier.

I used to be a member of the great mass of citizenry that knew nothing about its Army. It is literally true that until I was drafted I had never once met a member of the Regular Army on active duty, though I lived in a large city and, I liked to think, got around. I believed with unswerving and lamentable ungrounded bias that most

proper recognition from the community at large, it has carried on loyally and efficiently.

While it is fortunate that conditions have never been such as to occasion the mustering of the guard for emergency service in this area, the fact remains that the guard company has been ready had such an emergency occurred. Back in the dark days just after Pearl Harbor most of us considered that as an unpleasant possibility. We considered it possible that the guard might even be obliged to step into the breach had the enemy been brazen enough to hazard an invasion. And when sabotage was an ever present fear, we were reassured to know that we had an organized, armed unit which could be pressed into immediate service if needed, and one which, on more than one occasion, did stand guard over hundreds of thousands of dollars investment in vital airplanes in the early days of the war.

As time wore on and the pressure was relieved, we somewhat let the guard slip from our mind. Still, this organization has continued on with its work just as diligently as though there had been no change in the situation. It has held its meetings regularly. It has conducted its training programs consistently. It has drilled and drilled when it seemed little more than adding to monotony to do it.

Now and then men were added and some dropped out. Today records show that besides guaranteeing the community security, the local company also has furnished 67 men to the armed services of the United States. They also show that the company has participated in many community events, notably Flag Day exercises, in patriotic parades and in bond rallies.

All of this has been carried on without pay to the officers or men, each of whom gave up two nights a week for two years and a half and at least one night a week since then. They have said no to temptations to sidetrack the guard for matters of personal convenience. They have been faithful soldiers.

On this occasion The Herald does wish the guard to know that its efforts are not really unappreciated; to the contrary, they command the respect and deep admiration and gratitude of every person worthy of calling himself a citizen.

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# Man With A Foggy

Regular Army enlisted men were bums and that most officers were misfits who could never have found gainful employment in the undisciplined world.

The National Guard, in my naive estimate, was a dubious organization qualified only to suppress strikes in the settling of which it had no legitimate business. I have since changed my mind about these things—except for one Regular Army first sergeant I once had—and about some other things, too.

I think that the Army, although it has an amazing gift for taking advantage of opportunities to make mistakes, is pretty good. I have never for a moment contemplated staying in it after the war, because I prefer civilian life. But I have learned a lot about the Army, and I consider myself entitled to discuss it knowingly and sensibly.

### Still An Old Soldier

The fact that I regard myself as an old soldier may well be judged as presumptuous by those who have served eight or nine times as long as I. It is true, I will gladly concede, that I cannot reminisce with authority about the boxing matches they used to have at Schofield Barracks or the teas at Quarry Heights, though I have heard so much about such bygone rites that I sometimes feel as if I could easily have helped to celebrate them.

I do not hold sentimentally that the '03, no matter what those young pups may say about the superior fire power of the M1, is still the weapon for me any time. I was not involved in the Billy Mitchell controversy, pro or con; I never met him in my life. I never got eased out of a bar because soldiers weren't welcome. But I still say I'm an old soldier.

This is why. Our Army today did not begin in 1919, or 1929, or even 1939. It began in 1940, when people like myself who had never before had any use for it began to suspect that it might be a handy thing to have around. The tremendous expansion that has resulted in our incredibly large Army did not really get rolling until 1941, and it was then that I and the thousand of other new veterans like myself were inducted.

We have seen the Army grow. We have been a part of that growth. We can remember when, on December 8, 1941, we learned through the newspapers that we would no longer be wearing our civilian clothes on week ends. We can remember all the cadres that went forth from the outfits we were in. At one time or another, I have been assigned to three infantry divisions. Two of them are in combat today. I follow their actions with close personal interest—with considerably more interest, I might say, than I expect to fol-

low the progress this fall of my school or college football teams.

### Part Of My Past

Those outfits I have served in are part of my Army past. I have an Army past. I can remember when officers wore their insignia on the shoulders of their shirts, and when privates first class lost their specialists' ratings. I can remember the awe with which the tommy gun was greeted when it was introduced. I can remember going through part of a campaign in this war during which none of the soldiers involved had even seen a bazooka, duck, alligator, or K ration. I can remember when the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon was announced. Soon everyone authorized to wear it will be a three-year veteran. It may grow to be our own mark of distinction, the badge of the new soldier.

I do not want to seem unappreciative of the Regulars, who, I now realize, doggedly kept a dwindling Army hanging together during the lean years, but I maintain that the advances the Army has made in the last three years are so much greater than any made during the twenty before that the Regulars do not know so terribly much more than we do. It is true, of course, that they are considerably better acquainted with the old Army traditions, but these traditions, colorful and esoteric as they may be, have a relatively low priority today. The old old soldiers are better at drill than we, and have perhaps a fuller comprehension of Army Regulations. But it has been my experience that before they will sign their name to anything, no matter how many rules they can quote, they always look up the appropriate AR for reassurance, anyhow.

We can look things up, too. The simple fact is that we are as familiar with most of the military developments that are actually affecting the course of this war as they are. I do not mean to imply that since our entrance into the Army affairs have invariably been

conducted at a whirlwind pace. They have not; we are admittedly the hurry-and-wait generation of soldiers. But at least we have hurried about half the time. Our predecessors spent the lean years mostly waiting.

In the last war, few drafted men served more than a year and a half. There are selectees in the Army today who completed a year and a half's service two years ago, and for them demobilization is still nowhere in sight. The prospects of their finishing two full hitches is not too remote. When they get out, I think they will feel a perpetual kinship with the Army, and a sympathetic understanding of its peace time problems. They will not play the part of old soldiers merely at annual conventions or bonus demonstrations. They will be old soldiers forever, for something of the Army will be ineradicably in them. They will never sneer at the Regular Army. They will unhappily remember, to be sure, some of the appallingly stupid old colonels who slumbered too long through peace to be usefully revived by war.

But they will also remember the abler and the younger colonels and lieutenant colonels who led their regiments and battalions with professional skill, enthusiasm, and wisdom. They will have had too much time to think about the Army to forget it.

In the last war, the citizen soldiers did not have that much time; they were not in uniform long enough to become imbued with what the Army was. We have become imbued. We know what it is, and we think it can be all right. We think we have the right to take a possessive attitude toward it, too. That may be an important attitude in the years to come.

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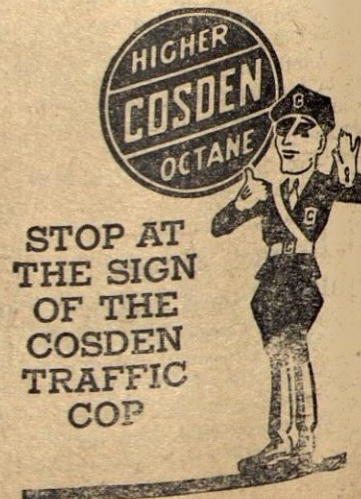
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# Crosbyton Unit Sets Up Fine Record

By FIRST LT. LOYD E. FOWLER

Company B, 39th Battalion, was officially recognized October 23, 1940. It was mustered into service June 10, 1941, under the command of Capt. Quincy L. Hames. Up to and including the present the company has had four commanding officers—Quincy L. Hames, George W. Crump, Walter Knapp and Loral A. Horne.

The company has drilled a total of 515 hours weekly drill, plus N.C.O. schools, range practice, battalion and company maneuvers, and Bullis.

There are 58 men from Company B now in the service. So far only one of these men has been killed—Weldon D. Riddling killed in the Normandy invasion. Letters from our boys who have gone into the service praise the State Guard for the training they received before entering the service.

The company is financed by the citizens of Crosbyton, City of Crosbyton, and the commissioners' court of Crosby County. These three agencies have cooperated wholeheartedly in supplying the company with money and equipment, other than that furnished by the State.

## Legion Sponsored

The company is sponsored by the J. M. Brooks American Legion Post No. 188. The post commander, Elbert Morgan, is a guide sergeant in Company B. The unit used the Legion hall for lectures, pictures, or ceremonies of any kind. The hall is equipped to take care of any performances the guard might need, especially refreshments or feeds of any kind. Our mess sergeant, John G. Harvey, is a county commissioner; our first sergeant, Earle O. Flannery (formerly first lieutenant, resigned, rejoined as a private) is county tax collector. These men perform valuable service to the company.

Seven men in the unit have already received service ribbons with bronze stars. Nine more have become eligible for bronze stars in the last two months. Those who have already received ribbons and stars are: Lt. Loyd E. Fowler, First Sgt. Earle O. Florence, S/Sgt. Rollin F. Artle, Sgt. Clarence C. Smith, Sgt. Jack L. Mayes and Cpl. Eddie Harkins, discharged, and Pfc. Admiral D. Whalen. Those now eligible for whom stars have been ordered are: Capt. Loral A. Horne, S/Sgt. Loyd A. Fowler, Sgt. John F. Edler, Sgt. Lee W. Johnson, Sgt. Elbert Morgan, Sgt. Elvis P. Ogden, Sgt. John L. Parker and Barnett G. McDuff.

These stars will be presented in the near future in a ceremony conducted by Lt. Col. Barney McCasland.

## Liaison With Sheriff

The company and sheriff's department cooperate closely at all times. The unit's supplies are available to the sheriff at any time. The vault in the sheriff's office is used to keep arms and ammunition. The constable is a member of the State Guard, which leads to close harmony between the guard and the sheriff's department.

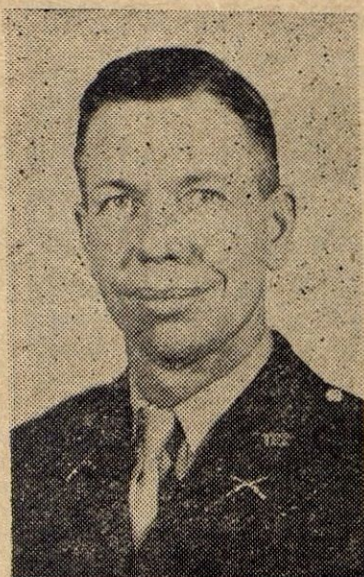
At the present there are four sets of fathers and sons in Company B. At one time there were seven combinations of fathers and sons on duty, and there have been nine sets since the company was formed. The company's morale is helped greatly by the interest of these fathers and sons.

The pastor of the First Christian Church, William T. Hines, acted as company chaplain for the past year. He is being discharged because of evangelistic work. His place is being filled by Troy M. Gillhann, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The influence of these two men is something any unit could be proud of.

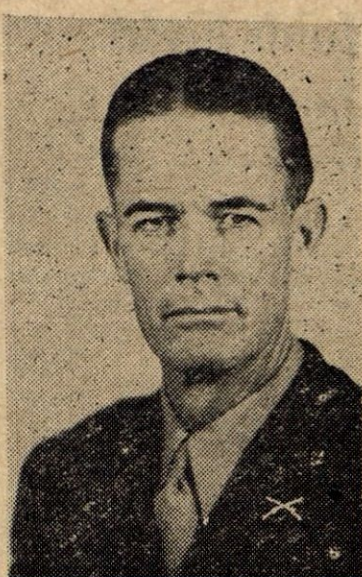
Sgt. Don Moses is now taking civilian air training. He has several hours solo to his credit, which might be of great assistance to the unit, as he is near the plane in which he is training.

The company wishes to publicly

## Officers of Company B, 39th Battalion



Capt. Loral A. Horne, commanding Company B, 39th Battalion, at Crosbyton, left, and First Lt. Loyd E. Fowler.



## 156 Men From 36th Division Promoted From Their Ranks

With the American Seventh Army, Jan. 17.—One of the most famous units of the United States armored forces is the 36th Division.

And one reason for that fame is in drawing of officer strength from its own ranks through battlefield commissions.

The Texas division, commanded by Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, has commissioned since it landed in Southern France 65 men, bringing the total of such commissions to 156 in 16th months, or since the fighting at Salerno, Italy.

Among the war-tested officers are Capt. Zerk Robertson, Merkel; Capt. Joseph Gill, Buchanan, and Lt. Cargill Naverrett, El Paso.

## SINCERE WISHES!

Philadelphia.—Christmas greetings from S/Sgt. J. H. Colby, Somewhere in Burma, to his draft board read:

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## Draft Dodgers Get 28,481 Years In Pen, Hoover Says

Washington.—G. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men, has made public the fact that since 1940, 11,000 draft dodgers and their accomplices have been arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with courts imposing prison sentences totaling 28,481 years and fines aggregating \$1,006,862.

FBI records show that not all convicted draft dodgers were city slickers. Many were country bumpkins and in-betweeners.

In trying to evade service, one reported his own death to Selective Service; one had had six teeth removed by three different dentists; two "committed suicide," but swam ashore from an overturned boat; one was scared from his woods hiding place by rattlesnakes.

Ironically, some were found physically unfit for service, but were "prison-sound."

A gentleman in a telephone booth saw a girl's name, "Mabel," and a telephone number after it. He called Mabel and a voice said: "Here-after save your nickels and buy war bonds."

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## Hopi Chief Goes Hunting To Avenge His Friend

With the Third U. S. Army.—Before sunrise every morning, Pvt. Carl (Chief) Chukima, 38-year-old Indian from the Oraibi Reservation near Flagstaff, Ariz., quietly sows a few grains of crushed corn into French soil as petition to the gods to look with favor on the activities of the 90th Division and allied units.

Private Chukima, a member of Company B, 315th Engineers, 90th Division, is a member of the Hopi Tribe, the colorful Arizona Indians who are internationally famous for their rain dance.

The Indian had just returned from a four-day "hunting trip." A sniper had wounded one of the Chief's American friends and Chukima had appointed himself "a one-man war party" to avenge the attack.

Capt. Clarence Symes of Lubbock, Texas, company commander, was about to list Chukima as "missing in action" on the unit morning report the day the Indian stoically resumed his place on the Engineer road gang.

"He comes and goes," explained Captain Symes. "It's very difficult on occasion."

The last time Captain Symes saw Chukima was in the German town of Butzdorf, which the 358th Infantry and Engineers were attempting to clean up. A sniper winged a man standing next to the Chief as the two were leaving the house.

"It started making me mad," explained the stone-faced Hopi. "I go house—one from one. That evening I still in town looking for sniper. Next day I stay. In afternoon I keep looking for sniper but no find. I ask boy and he say infantry have pull out and that evening I joined the tanks."

Chukima decided to fight the war for awhile with the armor and stayed two days with the 10th Armored Division, doing outpost duty and a guard trick.

"After three days," continued the Hopi, "I ask boys where infantry is. I told one tank going out of town I go with him. I hitch-hiked to where I find 90th Division MP."

He tell me where headquarters is. I come back."

Chukima pulled two white feathers from his pocket.

"I wear them on helmet," he explained, "but I nearly lost them in tank, so put them in pocket. One feather is to keep me strong. Other to take care of 90th Division."

The Hopi tribe sat up all night conducting ceremonial rites over the feathers before presenting them to their warrior.

Back in Heims, the Chief took a couple of days to track down a group of Germans estimated to have been 15 in number. The trail terminated in a house in a small village where one of the residents told him that the enemy had changed clothes and disappeared.

Chukima has the stamina of a well-oiled machine. When he was 18 years old, he ran 60 miles one day, carrying his ceremonial mask and costume, to join his tribesmen in a traditional Hopi Indian dance to ask the gods for rain.

For relaxation during pre-war days, the Indian chased horses. It's easy according to Chukima.

"Just chase 'em all day over hills," he explained in his guttural monotone, "they lay down when they get tired."

Of course, there's the element of time. "You start early in the morning. They give out sometime in afternoon," the Hopi declared.

The 90th Division's Chief likes his work, but he misses his tribe.

"Would like to see friends," Chukima mumbled wistfully, "no talk my language for long time.—Army Times.

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## Co. D, 3rd Bn. Holds Field Day Monthly

By Capt. John K. Edmundson

Company D, of Presidio, is fortunate in having open terrain for combat firing exercises within less than a mile of the armory. A strip of "bad lands," almost level, cut up by small arroyos and backed by steep, bare hills makes it easy to conduct almost any kind of fire problem, and the company, as it has done for four years, concentrates on teaching rifle firing under combat conditions.

Where time and ammunition are limited, the usual steps in teaching rifle firing are splendid, but the State Guard has a special situation where limited time and ammunition require a concentrated or "cramming" instruction.

Company D gives the usual aiming and sighting instruction, then a very few shots on bull's-eye targets from four positions (using .22 calibre rifles), followed by simulated combat conditions. One method is to use ordinary pasteboard boxes for targets, placing the boxes in partly hidden positions.

### Boxes Show Hits

While one detachment (after scouts have located the "enemy") fires and advances by rushes from the front, another will turn the enemy's flank. When cease firing is given, the boxes show the hits from each detachment—the flanking fire of course being shown by hits on the sides of the boxes.

At the last field day, a modification of the old Skirmish Run was fired. Silhouette prone targets were set up at 400 yards. Eight men at a time started at 400 yards, and advanced by rushes to 300, 250 and 200 yards. Two shots were fired slow fire from 400 yards, two in 30 seconds from 300, six (to force clip loading) from 250 in 30 seconds, and fire from 200 in 25 seconds.

The advance was across deep gullies and broken terrain. All firing was done by command, the men in combat packs and steel helmets. The advantage of a trained combat rifleman over these inexperienced when one eight-man squad made only thirteen hits out of a possible 120, while First Sgt. Stevens made fourteen out of a possible fifteen. The highest score by untrained men was six hits made by Pvt. Frazier.

### Shelter Tent Contest

At each of these field days, shelter tents are pitched and field kitchen set up. At the last one, a competition in tent pitching—starting from full pack and conditions requiring a perfectly pitched tent—was won by Cpl. Baeza and Pvt. Carrazo. Their time was four and one-half minutes.

Very few old-timers are left in the company as the membership has been predominantly composed of young men who get only a few months training before being inducted into the armed forces. S/Sgt. Aguilar, Weber, Timinez, Acting Mess Sgt. Crown and Pvt. Juarez are the only bronze star members we have.

A system that might be of interest to other companies, a system that immediately shows "Whose rifle is carelessly laid aside here?" is that of having a piece of adhesive tape on the stock of each rifle showing the name of the man to whom it is assigned. This identification also gives the zero of that particular rifle. By the way, we have several Enfields whose bore contains only two lands. Tests up to 400 yards show them to be as accurate as normal barrels.

Recent receipt of comforters fills a long-felt want, as now our full packs are all complete and no longer will some men pass very uncomfortable nights wrapped in a thin cotton blanket and a gas cape. Yes, we do have cold winter nights down here, but of the more than four years existence of Company D, only once did bad weather force us indoors on drill day. That was December 7, 1941. We heard of Pearl Harbor after our drill inside the school house that Sunday.

## Five Star Insignia



Above is the five star insignia for the new rank of General of the Armies, with a ruler shown below for comparison. The arrangement creates a pentagon in the center, the shape of the army's headquarters in Washington. Generals G. C. Marshall, Douglas MacArthur and Dwight Eisenhower are entitled to wear the insignia. MacArthur had his hammered out of silver on Leyte. Eisenhower has been too busy to have his made.

## Col. Phillips Has Pretty Hard Time Explaining Jobs

It isn't the work, but the confusion, that gets Lt. Col. Royal G. Phillips tangled up on his war jobs.

A native of Tyler and a veteran of 25 years in the cavalry arm of the Texas National Guard, Phillips' workaday capacity is that of Chief of the Bureau of Intelligence, Texas Department of Public Safety.

Came the war and he was retained in the National Guard but assigned to the Adjutant General's Department, where he serves as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, without pay.

Which means that the head of intelligence for the State Police is a soldier; that an active National Guard officer is not in Federal service; and that the head of State Guard intelligence is not in the Guard. Phillips jokingly says he spends "about one-third" of his time explaining his unique position.

Col. Neill Bannister, Chief of Staff, and Lt. Col. Sidney A. Mason, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, are the only other members of the Texas National Guard on active duty who are not in Federal service. As in Phillips' case, both are on special assignment with the Adjutant General's Department.

## State Guard Elkdom Have Same Ideals

The following article appeared in the Elks magazine published by the Houston lodge. It was written by Morris K. Womack, past exalted ruler of the Houston Elks, and a sergeant in the Second Battalion, Houston:

Elkdom is founded on giving—not receiving. It is distinctly American.

The Texas State Guard, too, is founded on giving—the giving of one's time which is not being spent profitably otherwise, to making secure Texans' homes, rights and persons against the potential ravages of lawless elements too great for the duly constituted peace-time agencies to handle.

Like in Elkdom, one derives certain advantages—training, exercise, association, and above all, that warm feeling on the inside that comes only with the successful fulfillment of one's duty to his country.

Texas has had the outstanding State Guard in the nation. It has trained over eight thousand men who have gone into the armed services. Its boys overseas write back of the consolation they have knowing their folks are being protected in their absence. Should the Texas State Guard fail now for want of manpower, someone is going to be embarrassed when the boys come home. To those of you who read this, I ask this question: Will you have to say to those boys, "Even though it cost me no money; even though I had to devote only four hours a week in time and could choose whichever night in the week I desired; even though to belong I had to violate no principles nor beliefs of religion, politics or partisanship; even though I recognized it plainly as my duty, I was too lazy to join and consistently participate. While you lay in the fox holes or were tied down in encampments, I played 'Wimpy' and said the Guard was a fine thing for the other fellow to belong to while I stayed home and helped Mama with the dishes or violated all speed laws to get to the neighborhood show, well knowing that same show would continue the rounds of five more theaters not much farther from home."

Yes, Elkdom is distinctly American. The Texas State Guard is distinctly American. Believing in one, you believe in the other. Why not join now while you are needed?

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# Co. D, 43rd Bn., Took Red Cross Course In Full

By CAPT. E. G. AKERS

Company D, 34th Battalion at Brownfield, lays claim to one distinction that it doubts it shares with any other company in the Texas State Guard.

At one time when the company was at full strength every member of the company passed the Red Cross Standard First Aid Course.

Though hard hit by the draft, Company D has continued to function efficiently. Though it is located 103 miles from battalion headquarters, officers claim that it has always been first to arrive at assembly point when called out for maneuvers.

Company D was formed in regular meeting of the William Guyton Howard Post No. 269 of the American Legion held in October, 1940. The following men were elected by the members of the American Legion who were present to act as officers for the company, provided it was formed: To be captain, Casaway T. Edwards, who at that time was commander of the William Guyton Howard Post, and who had served in World War I as a lieutenant in a machine gun company.

To be first lieutenant of the company, Wm. T. Howze, who was a member of the William Guyton Howard Post and had served in World War I as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

To be second lieutenant of the company, Orbra V. Holt, who was a member of the William Guyton Howard Post and had served as a line sergeant of infantry in World War I.

On February 21, 1941, Company D of the 34th Battalion, although it had not received its induction inspection, met in the high school auditorium and held its first drill. At that time there had been signed up 75 enlisted men and the company was carrying on its roll 10 or 15 supernumeraries. The company drilled in the school gymnasium until some time in April, at which time they officially adopted the American Legion Hall as their armory and started drilling there.

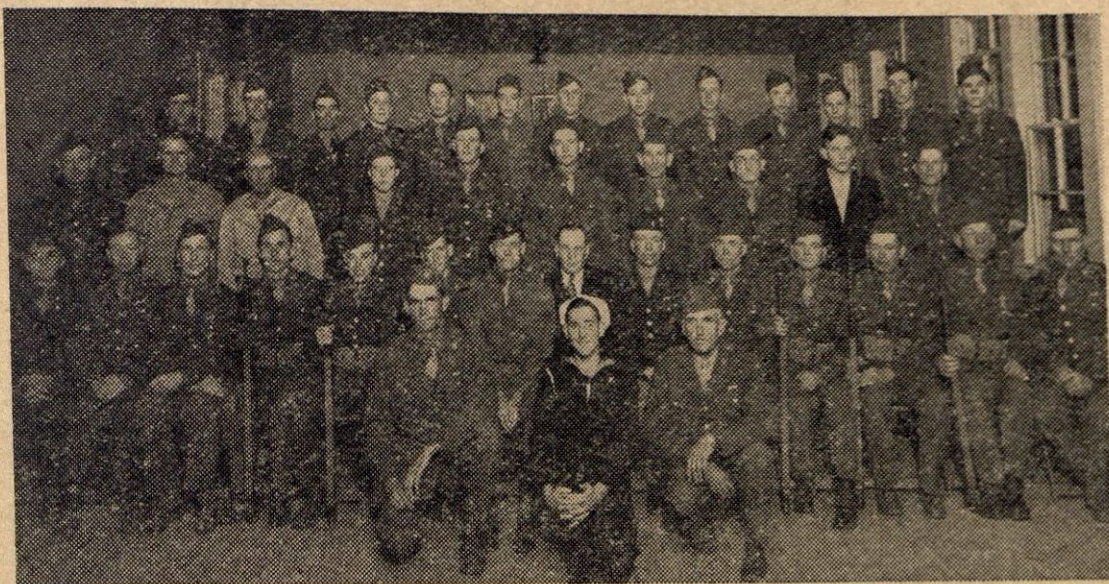
On June 7, 1941, induction inspection was had and Company D, 34th Battalion, of Brownfield, Texas, was duly recognized by the Adjutant General's Department. At the time of its induction it was officered by the three men who were elected by the American Legion.

Due to the fact that many of the men that were signed up with Company D were young business men in Brownfield, this company's losses to the armed forces has been exceptionally heavy. Sixty-five men who have received training in Company D have gone to the armed forces. Out of this sixty-five, eight are now commissioned officers and a large percentage of the others are non-commissioned officers. And at this time these men are serving in all theatres of war.

The company has received many letters in which these men express their gratitude for the training that they received while members of the company. Many of the men have also made personal talks to the company while back on furloughs or leaves, and at all times have been high in their praise of the training that they received while members of the Guard.

During August, 1943, Capt. Casaway T. Edwards was appointed to the Adjutant General's staff and First Lt. Wm. T. Howze resigned. At this time Sgt. Edward G. Akers

## Personnel Of Company B, 39th Battalion



Above is shown Company B, 39th Battalion, at Crosbyton—a guard company that has set a fine record, one which has sent 58 men to the armed services. Their company files are full of letters from former guardsmen praising the training they got in Company B, training which has been of great value in their service careers.

Kneeling, left to right: Sgt. Elbert Morgan, Seaman Henry T. Ayers, Jr. (a former member of the Guard), and Sgt. Clarence C. Smith.

First row, right to left: Sgt. Elvis P. Ogden, Pvt. A. J. Price, Sgt. Rollin F. Artley, Sgt. Loyd A. Fowler, Sgt. John L. Parker, Lt. Loyd E. Fowler, Walter L. Knapp (former C.O.), Capt. Loral A. Horne, T/5 Jack D. Morgan, Sgt. Jack D. Parker, Cpl. Robert E. Campbell, Sgt. Hartley A. Bates, Sgt. John G. Harvey, Pfc. Troy M. Gillham, acting company chaplain.

Second row, right to left: Sgt. John F. Edler, Pvt. Weldon W. Ayers, T/5 Virgil H. Lowe, Pvt. Elbert T. Wallace, Pvt. Hubert M. Banta, Sgt. Lee W. Johnson, Pvt. Willie F. Smith, Barnett G. McDuff, Will Parker, and T/4 Milton A. Hebley.

Third row, right to left: Pfc. Edward S. Dunn, (Supernumeraries James B. McClure and Harold Long), Pfc. Charles R. Her-ring, Cpl. Freelin E. Suttle, (Supernumerary Dallas Burris), Pvt. Kerry W. Horne, Pfc. Oma R. Justus, Pvt. Admiral D. Whalen, Sgt. Don Moses and Cpl. Willie R. Dunlap.

The difference between a hair dresser and a sculptor is that while a hair dresser curls up and dyes, the sculptor makes faces and busts.

was appointed captain of Company D, and Second Lt. Orbra V. Holt was advanced from second to first lieutenant and Sgt. Lawton Nicholson was appointed second lieutenant. The company is now staffed by these officers. Company D has always sent at least two officers each year to the State Guard School at Camp Bullis.

## TEXAS STATE GUARD HONOR ROLL NOVEMBER, 1944

Company and Battalion	Home Station	Grade
Medical Detachment, 19th Bn.	Dallas	94%
Headquarters, 6th Bn.	Round Rock	90%
Medical Detachment, 36th Bn.	San Antonio	90%
Medical Detachment, 49th Bn.	Galveston	89%
Company C, 19th Bn.	Dallas	89%
Medical Detachment, 2nd Bn.	Houston	89%
Medical Detachment, 39th Bn.	Lubbock	89%
Service Detachment, 12th Bn.	Mart	88%
Medical Detachment, 7th Bn.	Houston	88%
Company E, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	88%
Medical Detachment, 31st Bn.	McAllen	87%
Company D, 51st Bn.	Dallas	86%
Company D, 35th Bn.	Dallas	84%
Service Detachment, 36th Bn.	San Antonio	84%
Medical Detachment, 51st Bn.	Dallas	83%
Headquarters, 51st Bn.	Dallas	82%
Medical Detachment, 6th Bn.	Round Rock	80%
Company G, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	80%
Medical Detachment, 29th Bn.	Dallas	77%
Medical Detachment, 14th Bn.	Pampa	76%
Company D, 19th Bn.	Dallas	73%

### HONORABLE MENTION

Company C, 10th Bn.	Moran
Company D, 50th Bn.	Texarkana
Company A, 18th Bn.	Beaumont

## 13,000,000 Tons Of Shipping Will Be Built During 1945

Washington.—The construction of 13,000,000 deadweight tons of shipping in 1945, with 9,000,000 tons of this scheduled for completion in the first six months of the year, is called for in the Maritime Commission's program for this year, as announced by Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Commission and War Shipping Administrator, this week.

In 1944, Admiral Land said, 16,343,436 tons of shipping was built.

In order to reach its schedule for the first half of the year, Admiral Land noted, the shipyard labor force should be increased. In any event, it should be retained around the level of 584,000 workers. He also noted that if Congress passed a National Service Act "we have a good chance of holding on to ship-

yard personnel."

Admiral Land's statements were made in connection with an announcement of construction allocations for 226 ships to 18 shipyards. The new ships include 186 authorized in December by the Office of War Mobilization and 40 previously authorized.

## Engineers Of Air Force Construct A Field A Day

Washington.—One reason for the Allied successes in France is suggested in an announcement by the War Department that since the break-through in Normandy engineers of the Air Forces have built better than one airfield a day in France.

In addition to the 100 or more built or repaired in northern France between D-Day and October 12, eight or more were built in southern France as Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch's Seventh Army advanced up the Rhone valley.

While only 65 per cent of the fields were new, the others being enemy bases captured and repaired, the engineers assert that it was usually easier to make a new field than to repair one, since few of the captured fields measured up to the requirements of the 9th Air Force.

For these fields, since speed requirements ruled out concrete and curtailed shipping made steel mats and bituminous surface impossible, the engineers used British and Canadian prefabricated Hession surfacing, known as P.H.S., adapted to American needs. After the ground surface was thoroughly prepared, rolls of this material three feet wide and 300 feet long were unrolled and "glued" to the ground.

The rolls overlap by 50 per cent, so that the air strip has a double coating of the preparation, which is a layer of cloth between two layers of paper, the whole impregnated with bitumen. Weighing only a tenth as much as steel mats, it can be laid in about half the time and will carry planes up to fighter-bomber weight without damage.

A city lassie, working on a farm during her vacation to help out with the labor shortage, was observed by her farmer employer doing a very odd thing. She was allowing the cow to drink a pail of milk she had just obtained from the animal.

"What's going on here?" stormed the farmer "Why are you letting the cow drink all the milk?"

"Well," replied the farmette, "the milk looked pretty thin and I thought it might help to run it through again."

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# Terry County Is All Out In War Effort

Brownfield, home of Company D, 34th Battalion, is a bustling West Texas community that takes pardonable pride in its contribution toward an all-out effort to win the war.

Approximately 1500 men from Terry County, of which Brownfield is the county seat, have gone to the armed services. The community backs up its State Guard unit solidly and has always oversubscribed its quota during war bond drives.

In every other movement for victory, Brownfield and Terry County have taken a leading part.

The estimated population of Terry County is 15,750; Brownfield, 5,750. In 1930, Brownfield's population was 1,907; in 1940, 4,016.

At the close of business December 30, 1944, deposits in Brownfield's two banking institutions totalled more than eight million dollars, an increase of almost two million dollars over the previous year's figures and an all-time high for these banks.

## Nears First Class

During the past few years postal receipts have increased to the point where the Brownfield postoffice is rapidly approaching a first class rating.

Enrollment in the Brownfield Consolidated Schools is approximately 2,000 and more than 70 teachers are employed. In Terry County, and outside the Brownfield district, there are three consolidated high schools.

Brownfield's wholesale and retail and professional establishments are all modern and rank with the state's outstanding small-city firms. These include two newspapers, three theatres, and all the other establishments to be found in cities the size of Brownfield.

The city has excellent airport facilities for its size and, according to plans now in the making, these will be improved in whatever programs are undertaken after the war.

Brownfield is located on the great South Plains of Texas, in the center of a rich agricultural area, and is surrounded from the south to the west and northwest by many of the producing oil pools of the Permian Basin area. The city government is alderman form—five councilmen and the mayor. The water, sewer and electrical utilities are municipally owned and operated.

# GI'S Aspire To Be Own Bosses When War Ends

Washington.—Most of the GI's, tired of taking orders during the war, want to be their own bosses and have their own farm or business firm after the war.

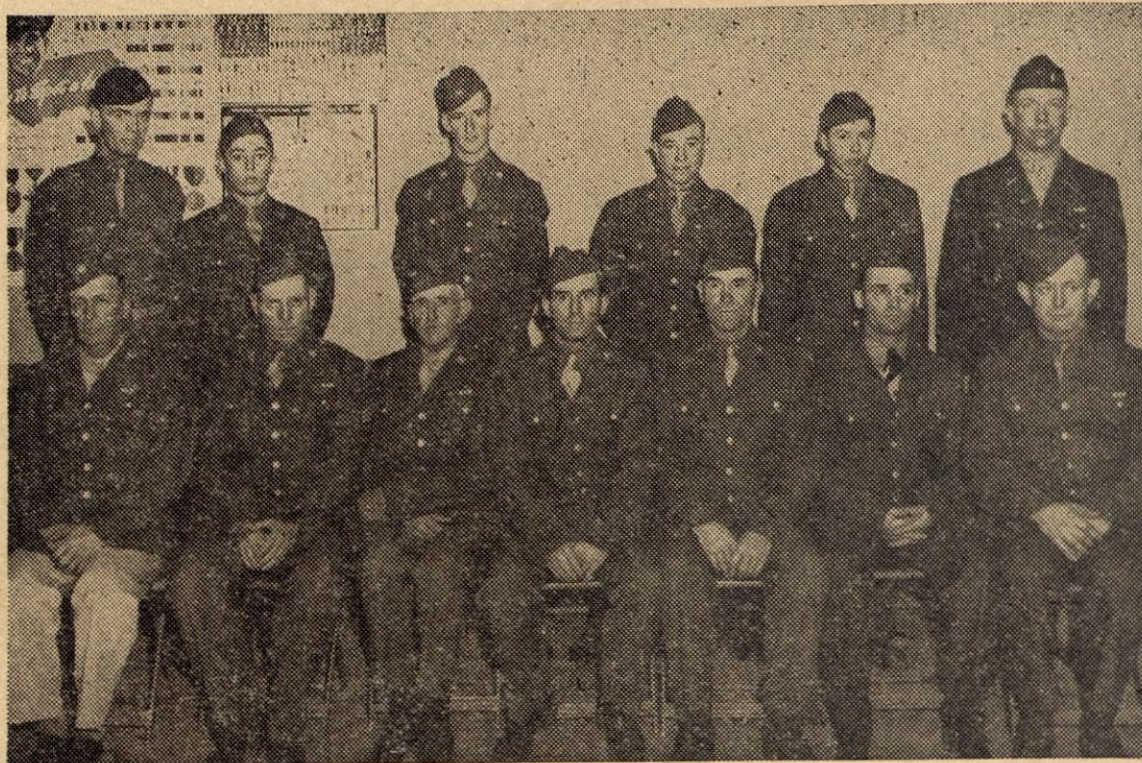
Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell's Army Service Forces recently polled 1000 white enlisted men stationed in nine camps in the United States and came out with this information:

About 10 per cent have made definite plans to start businesses of their own or buy farms after the war. Four per cent could buy farms, and six per cent plan to start non-agricultural ventures.

In addition, four per cent expect to return to businesses or farms of which they are now owners or part owners—usually with relatives.

The rest are classified by the War Department either as having

# Four Sets Of Fathers And Sons



Fathers in Company B, 39th Battalion, at Crosbyton have evidently set their sons a fine record for there are four sets of fathers and sons in this guard unit. They are shown above as follows:

Seated, right to left: T/4 Milton A. Hebley, Pfc. Admiral D. Whalen, Sgt. John L. Parker, Cpl. Willie R. Dunlop, Sgt. Elbert Morgan, Sgt. Elvis P. Ogden, and Barnett G. McDuff.

Standing, right to left: Lt. Loyd E. Fowler, Pfc. James E. Fowler, Sgt. Jack D. Parker, T/5 Jack P. Morgan, Pvt. Kerry W. Horne, and Capt. Loral A. Horne.

# Crack Guard Marksmen



Above are shown the top marksmen of Company B, 39th Battalion, at Crosbyton.

Seated, right to left: Sgt. Loyd A. Fowler, Sgt. Rollin F. Art-

ley, Sgt. John L. Parker.

Standing, right to left: Sgt. Jack D. Parker, T/5 Jack D. Morgan, Pvt. A. J. Price, Cpl. Robert E. Campbell.

vague plans for starting a business or buying a farm or as admitting fairly definite plans to do so several years after leaving the army.

The GI Bill of Rights, which provides for government guarantee of 50 per cent on loans up to \$4000 for such purposes, will be a help to the soldiers wanting self-employment.

However, the Army Service

Forces are now gathering and preparing cold blooded information to send to the soldiers showing that being boss isn't the bed of roses one might think . . . emphasizing long hours which the man who works for himself must put in and the chance that the man who goes into business must take on going out of business.

# Troops Overseas Save 89% Of Their Pay

With the Fifth Army, Italy—The soldier overseas is saving 89 per cent of his money, according to a survey by the 91st Infantry Division, now fighting on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

The survey revealed that the division collected \$1,632,408 from the government. Of this the members of the division sent home to their wives and dependents, saved through Soldiers' Deposit and special allotments, and invested in government war bonds, \$1,454,353. Only 11 per cent of the total for September was retained by the soldier for use overseas. This percentage, which is considered representative, indicates the intelligent use that the American soldier is making of his Army earnings.

The combat soldier of the 91st Division spends his money only for his semi-monthly PX rations and in purchasing souvenirs and postcards to send home. The rest he saves.

Father was reading his newspaper and mother was scanning a letter from her son. She interrupted father to say, "Bill says Camp Livingston is all right. He likes his buddies fine and he needs more money for ammunition."

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## 27th Battalion Band Observes Anniversary

The TSG Area Band attached to the 27th Battalion and stationed at Fort Worth recently celebrated its first anniversary with open house at which some 20 guests and the band were in attendance. The band gave a short concert under the direction of Lt. Kenneth O. Vaughan, C.O., after which refreshments were served and the orderly and supply rooms were opened for inspection.

The organization of a band was given consideration by Col. M. H. Kennedy, commanding officer of the 27th Battalion, TSG, who realized the need for such a unit to be attached to this battalion for morale and musical purposes. In September, 1943, Lt. Vaughan, then serving as a corporal in Company D, 27th Battalion, was detailed to investigate the possibility. By November a nucleus of instrumentation had been secured and authorization of the unit was given by the ADG and a provisional commission of first lieutenant, infantry, and commanding officer of this area band given Corporal Vaughan.

### Overcame Problems

During the first year of the band's organization it has gone through a period of "ups and downs" to secure its basic needs. Due to the fact that no provision has been made in the Tables of Organization for the band's instruments, it was necessary to secure the cooperation of the Fort Worth public schools in the use of certain school instruments under Lt. Vaughan's control which were needed for balanced organization.

The cooperation of the Headquarters and Service Detachments were a strong factor in helping solve the housing and rehearsal hall problem. The greatest individual problem facing the band during the ensuing year was maintaining the necessary instrumentation for playing as a band.

Due to the war the professional music men available for enlistment in the band numbered no more than ten; so it was necessary to reach into the high school ranks of the 16 to 18-year-old boy to maintain personnel, of which 90 per cent of the band today is in that age category.

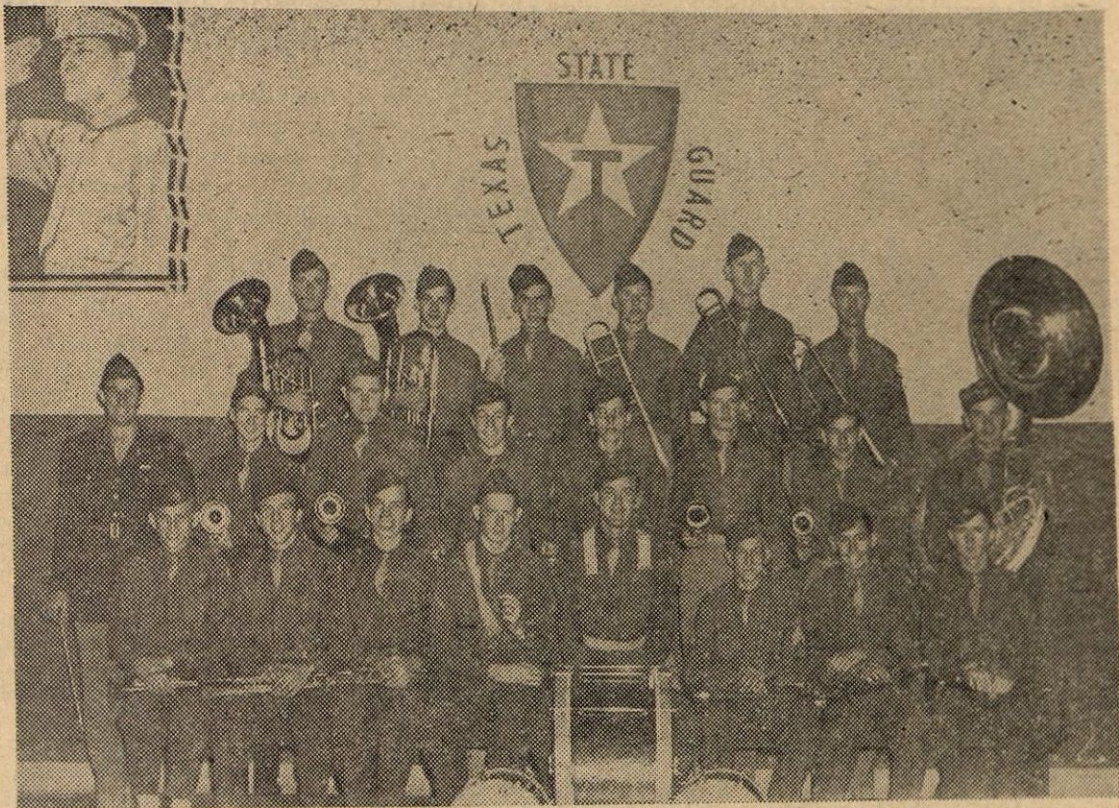
In June, 1944, the band took a hard jolt when 13 members were discharged to enter the armed forces of the U. S. during the summer months that followed it was necessary that the band perform as field music, for it was a slow process in finding the necessary men to fill the posts of those lost. At present the band organization is as a brass band with nine trumpets, five trombones, two baritones, two basses, two horns, three saxophones and four drums.

### Band Policy

The band has observed the policy of performing in public only in a military capacity for such events as company concerts, open houses, parades, bond rallies, exhibitions of a military nature, and inspections, and has in no way endeavored to compete with other musical organizations in this city in other musical events. On company and battalion bivouacs the band members are attached to the medical detachment in litter bearer squads of five members and act in that capacity on all field operations.

The efficient functioning of the band is charged in the hands of T/Sgt. H. R. McDaniel as assistant director and clerk, Sgt. L. Wildman as supply sergeant, Staff Sgt. S.

## 27th Battalion Band



Recent picture of the Texas State Guard, 27th Battalion Band, commanded by First Lt. Kenneth O. Vaughan.

Left to right, first row: Pvt. Wm. Scott Cpl, Bobby Lang, Sgt. Lester Wildman, Pfc. Raymond

Worthington, Pvt. Ernest Starr, Sgt. Wilburn Keys, Pvt. Jimmy Oliver and Pfc. Geo. Benzon.

Second row: Lt. Vaughan, Pvt. V. Huffines, Pvt. Jas. C. Crume, Pvt. Alan Neely, Pfc. Bobby Jenkins, Pvt. Homer Nabors, Pvt.

Duff Massey and Staff Sgt. Sam Egnot.

Third row: Pvt. Billy Lloyd, Pvt. James Estes, Pvt. Jimmy Hammons, Pvt. Chas. Driscoll, Cpl. R. L. Proffitt and Tech. Sgt. H. R. McDaniel.

## Former Aggies Form Club Inside Germany

With the Third Armored Division Inside Germany.—Seven former Texas students from A. & M. College and one ex from Shreveport, La., have found time, despite bitter fighting inside Hitler's reich, to organize an Aggie club, according to army public relations reports.

They are Capt. Alfred F. Moffitt of Cuero, Maj. Phil Gregory of Fort Worth, Maj. Herbert M. Mills of El Paso and Alpine, Maj. C. Joe Slovak of Beaumont, Lieut. Col. Marion E. Whitten of Dallas, Maj. John W. Stark of Conroe, and Maj. E. W. Dugan of Shreveport.

Egnot as drum major, and Sgt. W. Keps and Cpl. R. L. Proffitt as squad leaders.

Lt. Vaughan had already given two years in TSG service before he came to Fort Worth in 1942 as an enlisted man in Company B, 34th Battalion, McCamey, under Capt. E. C. Bone, C.O. In civilian capacity Lt. Vaughan has been working in the high school band field for the past seven years, where his bands at McCamey High School won national first division recognition in high school band competition. In addition to his TSG band work in Fort Worth, Lt. Vaughan directs the North Side High School band and six elementary school music classes and is owner and director of the "Melodiers," a union professional dance orchestra.

## Sergeant Carves Artificial Limbs With Pocket Knife

U. S. Army Forces in the Southwest Pacific.—Two muscular, stout-hearted Melanesian boys, victims of an accident in which each lost one limb, today are walking on artificial legs.

Walking from place to place with comparative ease, the natives give thanks with each slow, careful step to the "miracle man" who enabled them to walk again.

The "miracle man" in this instance is not a medical officer but a practical, serious-minded army engineer, T/Sgt. Harold A. Hanson, Viroqua, Wis., a veteran construction expert of the 40th Infantry Division.

Sergeant Hanson carved with his pocket knife from hard cedar two neat artificial limbs. He padded and attached straps to the legs for support.

Although he discounts the miraculous aspects of this accomplishment, Sergeant Hanson admittedly has become a friend of the native population at an advanced island base. The natives, in fact, affectionately call him the "white master."

During his spare time Sergeant Hanson barter with native traders, who have numerous crude, ornamental articles which they are delighted to exchange for American cigarettes, knives, flashlights and chewing gum. Actual money has little value in the tropics.

## Yoakum Sergeant Braves Bombs To Put Out Plane Fire

With An Air Service Squadron of the 15th Air Force Service Command, Italy.—M/Sgt. Lawrence B. Sykora of Yoakum has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism in helping to extinguish the flames of a crash-landed bomber still fully loaded with bombs, according to an announcement by his command. M/Sgt. Sykora is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sykora of Yoakum and is a mobile unit supervisor with a heavy bomber air service squadron.

The official citation read: "For heroism at great risk of life at an Allied airbase in Italy. On observing a B-24 type aircraft crash-land and two of its engines burst into flames, M/Sgt. Sykora and several associates immediately rushed to the scene of the accident. Heedless of the imminent danger of explosion, displaying exceptional courage and determination, they battled the flames and successfully extinguished the fire before serious damage could be done. Through their quick action a vital operational aircraft was saved from destruction and nearby supplies and installations were saved from damage."

## Col. Kennady Holds Inspection Of All 27th Batt. Units

Lt. Col. Marshall H. Kennady, commander of the 27th Battalion, Texas State Guard, and Capt. Orsen E. Paxton, Jr., operations and training officer of the battalion, recently conducted inspections of each of the companies and detachments.

A satisfactory rating was given the units by the inspecting officers but attention was called to the fact that each of the organizations is now below full strength. Col. Kennady urged that all men 16 to 60 years of age who can pass a simple physical examination report to the armory on the night of their choice, Monday through Friday. Drill requires only 2½ hours per week in the evening.

Capt. Lester H. Painter, Company C commander, announced the commissioning this week of Sgt. Edwin N. Huff as second lieutenant of that company. Lt. Huff has been a member of the Texas State Guard for three years and was first sergeant of Company C prior to his promotion. Sgt. H. E. White will succeed him as first sergeant.

Capt. Painter also announced that the Company C supply room has been renovated and now boasts new gun racks, equipment lockers and a portable mess locker which will enable Company C to move into the field with full rations within an hour. It was designed and built by Second Lt. Edwin N. Huff and the other units of the 27th Battalion will be watching its use with much interest.

## Maj. Ed Riedel Named On Vets' Aid Program

Brig. Gen. J. Watt Page, state director of selective service, has announced the appointment of Ed Riedel of Austin as an adviser on matters relating to the veterans assistance program in Texas.

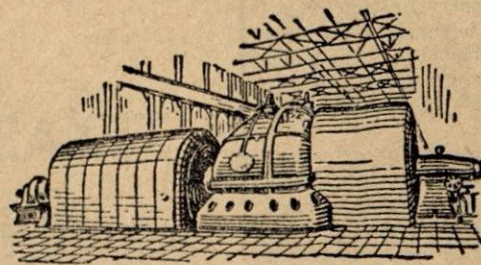
Riedel, a former state commander of the American Legion, served in World War I, and at present is a major in the Texas State Guard on the staff of Adj. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker.

age had an explosion occurred. By their outstanding courage and devotion to duty, these men have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America."

It was late at night and the sergeant came stumbling into the company area, confused, but happy. "Shay," he called to a GI coming out of the latrine, "which hut does Sergeant Williams live in?"

"Why," laughed the GI, "you're Sergeant Williams."

"Sure!" said the sarge, "but which hut does he live in?"



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## Company E, 27th Holds Maneuver Near Fort Worth

Troops of Company E, 27th Battalion, Texas State Guard, commanded by Capt. John B. Collier, Jr., encamped at Singing Hills farm of Dr. Alden Coffey on Mary's Creek Saturday night, December 9. Meals were prepared under the direction of Sgt. Hans Hansen, mess sergeant, and equipment and special clothing was issued by Sgt. Clarence Kilpatrick, supply sergeant. Men from the medical detachment of the 27th Battalion were in attendance throughout the maneuvers.

Sgt. Robt. W. LeMielleur, company first sergeant, was in charge of close order and extended order drill Sunday morning, December 10, which replaced regular drill Monday night, December 11. Inspection was by the company commander, assisted by First Lt. Edward H. Lysaght and Second Lt. Leon D. Harris.

Men who were on guard duty Saturday night were warned to be especially vigilant as advance reports indicated that an attempt would be made by men of one of the other 27th Battalion companies to slip through their lines.

According to Capt. Lorenzo E. Holcomb, Company A commanding officer, whose company was holding a bivouac at Farrington Field Saturday night, a feature of their maneuvers was a surprise visit to the area in which Company E men were encamped in an attempt to infiltrate their guard lines and capture their headquarters. Another event planned by Sgts. H. H. Loper and I. M. Grimland was an alert in which the company would be formed into a guard to suppress a simulated disorder.

An appointment on order of the Adjutant General, Austin, and announced Dec. 10 by Lt. Col. Marshall H. Kennady, 7th Battalion commander, was that of Cpl. Bush Jones, Company D, to lieutenant and assignment as intelligence and assistant operations officer. Lt. Jones will handle 27th Battalion publicity and recruiting promotion. Col. Kennady added that a number of recruits were needed to bring the six companies and three detachments up to full strength.

### C. of C.—

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The decision came, Blanton's letter said, in line with "complete recognition of the value to the city and commonwealth of the Texas State Guard plan."

The directors also pledged that in the event of failure to secure relief from state sources, that city and county officials be approached to insure continuance of existing financial support, with additional aid to the city.

Blanton's letter went on to say: "It is the concensus of our board of directors that the essential financial support for the guard should in all fairness be provided by the state, inasmuch as the guard is a state agency under the sole direct command of the adjutant general."

It is also felt, the letter stated, that no unusual financial burden will be placed on the state because funds for similar purposes have been provided over the years for maintenance of the National Guard.

The legislature in the past has appropriated some \$300,000 for National Guard armory rentals and it is understood that a way will be sought whereby this sum will be made available to the State Guard for similar purposes.

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## New Army Sleeping Bag



U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.  
This photo, made in Herzogen-  
rath, Germany, shows the new

type of sleeping bag that is being  
furnished troops battling the  
Nazis in that area.

### Non-Coms—

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carried it over this hurdle, and at a meeting in the 48th Battalion Armory held Thursday night, January 11, new officers were chosen and the Association promptly began to function.

Plans for a dance to be sponsored by the Houston Non-Commissioned Officers Association were promulgated and the entire Texas State Guard personnel in Houston and Harris County will be eligible to

attend. The dance will be held in the Rice Hotel on the night of February 14.

In order to bring home to "Texas Tom" Guardsman the truth of the fact that the pride which the non-commissioned officers have in the guard is the same pride which should control his every action, no entry will be permitted at the door unless his uniform is proper, his conduct is exemplary and his appearance is neat.

Inquiries Invited

We members of the Houston

## Marksmanship School Conducted By 27th Battalion

Capt. Orsen E. Paxton, Jr., operations and training officer of the 27th Battalion, Texas State Guard, announces a rifle marksmanship school for all units of the 27th Battalion.

The school is conducted with the assistance of the Fort Worth Rifle and Pistol Club. Members of the club assisting with the school include Ewell Cross, president; J. P. Steele, secretary, and Elton Hyder.

The school, which opened January 8, will be four weeks in length, according to Capt. Paxton, with instruction given as follows:

First week: Nomenclature of the rifle, sighting and aiming, adjustment of the sling and firing positions.

Second week: Application of instruction given the opening week.

Third week: Practice firing.

Fourth week: Firing for record and qualification.

Non-Commissioned Officers Association invite the inquiry of all of the other battalions in the State of Texas as to plans, constitution and by-laws, time and place of meetings, and the entire organizational set-up.

We feel that our forefathers when they coined the phrase, "In

"Man overboard!" yelled the boat on his first voyage.

The ship's engines were reversed and the captain came rushing from his cabin. The boat saluted him smartly and said: "I regret to report, sir, that I made a mistake when I cried 'Man overboard.'"

"Confound those dumb recruits," mumbled the captain, and signalled for full speed ahead.

"Yes, sir," continued the sailor "it was one of them nurses instead of sir."

union there is strength," enunciated a principle that has been tried and proven through the years. We feel that similar organizations throughout the State will truly "further the interest of the Texas State Guard," and we should like to see our fellow non-commissioned officers so organized as to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with us and be ready to fight for that which is justly ours. All inquiries may be addressed to the Houston Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Texas State Guard, 901 Southern Standard Building, Houston 2, Texas.

There is no time like the present, for the future holds for us the fulfillment of the duties for which the guard was originally conceived. We hope that should we be tested by fire, we all of us may come out of it unwithered, and to this end we labor.

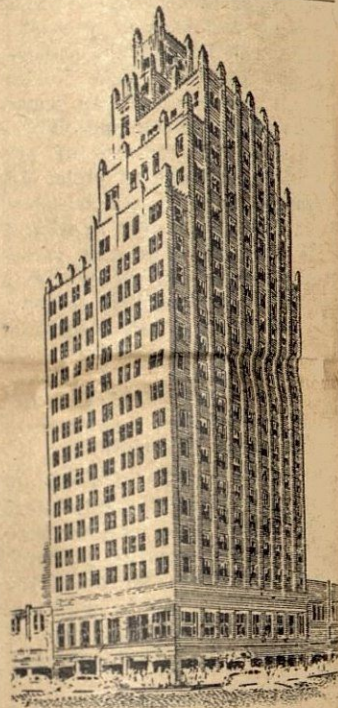
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## "Texas" Division Is Commeded For Battle In Vosges

With the 36th "Texas" Division of the Seventh Army in France.—The 36th "Texas" Division has been commended by Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, commanding general, VI Corps, for his part in the fighting through the Vosges Mountains in western France. His commendatory message, addressed to Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commanding general of the 36th "Texas" Division, reads:

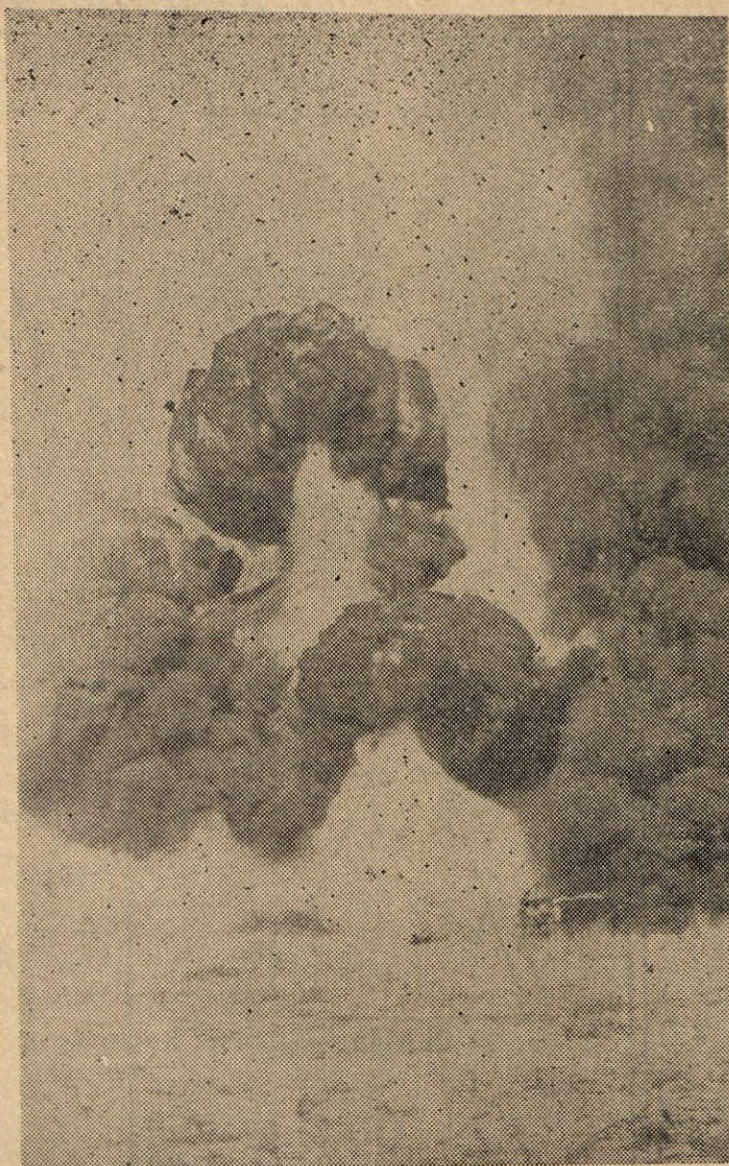
"As you pass to another command I want to express to you my deep appreciation for the part played by the 36th Infantry Division in clearing the enemy from his strong positions in the Vosges Mountains.

"Your sagacious handling of the troops at your disposal, spread over an extended front, and their constant pressure and aggressive attitude for several days prior to the Corps attack, held the attention of the enemy and forced him to commit local reserves which later were not available to oppose the main thrust of the VI Corps.

"The capture by the 36th Infantry Division of the St. Marie Pass and its continued attacks, culminating in the debouchment into the Alsatian Plain near Ribeauville, not only blocked the enemy on the right but forced him to fight and continued to deny him the use of his troops elsewhere.

"This was all done without fuss or feathers and in a manner worthy of the splendid Americans under your command."

## 15th Explodes Land Mine



The photographer was on the alert when he caught this picture of billowing smoke and flames when a land mine was exploded by Company E, 15th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Mineral Wells.

### "Foxhole Heaters"

With the American First Army in Belgium, Jan. 8.—Foxhole flash: Pinup girl pictures are now known everywhere along this frozen front as "foxhole heaters."

## "Daddy Age" Group Captures Most Of Medals Of Honor

Washington.—America's fighting youth has been forced into a back seat in the unpremeditated scramble for this nation's highest honor—the Congressional Medal of Honor—as fighting men beyond the youthful stage carry off most of the laurels for outstanding heroism.

It's still a kid's war as far as numbers are concerned and there are scores of tenn-age heroes, but the nation's top honor has gone to the daddy-age group in 107 out of 120 cases.

The average age of the 120 men wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor is 32, but several of them are in their 40's and 50's. Only 13 are under 24 and only five under voting age.

No one has yet been able to figure out a composite hero and the Decorations Board, final authority on all military honors, insists there is no set pattern. Everyone gives a different reason for his achievements; none of them react alike.

More than half of the 120 men who now wear the be-ribboned medal were over the 37-year draft age limit and thus, by law, considered too old to fight. A few were just youngsters fresh from military academies or selective service camps.

Most of the 120 were American-born, but China, Scotland, Poland, Sweden and the Philippines have representatives. The District of Columbia and 35 states fathered the 120 heroes. Thirty-four of them gave their lives.

Nine admirals and generals have

won the medal in this war. General officers, junior officers, non-commissioned men, technicians, cooks and plain buck privates have found in themselves the same stuff from which great heroes are made.

Eric Gunnar Gibson, 24-year-old Army cook and Swedish immigrant, was one. He died on the Anzio beachhead after he had grabbed every weapon in sight and knocked out four German automatic rifle positions.

Oscar Petersen, 44-year-old chief water tender, stayed in the engine room during a Pacific sea battle to fight fire and steam while his crew escaped. He died.

Pvt. Nichols Minue, 44, veteran of two wars, charged a German machine-gun nest alone in Tunisia, killed ten men with his bayonet, and died after clearing the road for his unit.

In the Solomons, Tech. Lewis Hall, 46, disobeyed orders to advance over fire-swept terrain to man an American machine gun after its crew had been killed. He, too, died.

At Pearl Harbor, Peter Tomich, 50-year-old Navy water tender, died of burns so that his crew might escape.

There are many more, but their records prove only one thing. You can't tell a hero by his age.—Army Times.

Officer: "You were a long time coming up here. Didn't you hear me calling?"

Pvt.: "No, sir—not until you shouted the third time."

## Missouri State Guard Song

The Missouri State Guard now has a marching song. Major Fred R. McMahan wrote the words to the song which has the tune of the famous song of World War I, Hinky, Dinkey, Parley Voo.

(Tune: Hinky Dinkey Parley Voo)

The good old Guard from Old Mizzou,  
Parley Voo,  
The good old Guard from Old Mizzou,  
Parley Voo,  
The good old Guard from Old Mizzou,  
They start a job and finish it too,  
Hinky Dinkey Parley Voo.

We're members of the Missouri Guard  
Parley Voo,  
We're members of the Missouri Guard  
Parley Voo,  
We're members of the Missouri Guard  
And fight our battles in our front yard,  
Hinky Dinkey Parley Voo.

The little Guard came out for drill  
Parley Voo,  
The little Guard came out for drill  
Parley Voo,  
The little Guard came out for drill,  
He never gets paid and never will,  
Hinky Dinkey Parley Voo.

The Missouri Guard is on the go  
Parley Voo,  
The Missouri Guard is on the go  
Parley Voo,  
The Missouri Guard is on the go  
And yet they don't get any dough,  
Hinky Dinkey Parley Voo.

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# Off-Carrier Drill Used By Second

The "Off-Carrier Drill" conceived and developed by Company D, Second Battalion, "The Houston Light Guard," has created considerable interest and comment. This maneuver might well be said to have been born of necessity, according to Capt. K. P. Morrison, company commander. Captain Morrison modestly insists the credit should go to his two lieutenants, First Lt. H. M. Oliver and Second Lt. A. R. Bethea, but his wide experience can be recognized in the effectiveness of the drill.

The two lieutenants of this company were rather noncommittal on the subject. "We just had to do something," said Lieutenant Oliver. "At that time we had about three critical situations, one right after the other. Our machine guns had just been received and there wasn't a man in the outfit that knew any too much about them. Just for example, before they were even unpacked, I got orders one afternoon about 4 o'clock to have them in firing condition, all belts loaded, and ready to move out by 8 o'clock that night. Incidentally, we were ready at 8 o'clock, although we didn't have to move, thank goodness."

**Skipper Was Away.**  
"To make matters worse," continued Lieutenant Oliver, "this all took place at a time when the Skipper had business that took him elsewhere a good bit of the time. So about the same time that what might have been our worst situation was working up, it dawned on me that it was quite possible I might have the responsibility of putting the guns in action, so I had better figure out the best way to do it. Lieutenant Bethea and I got our heads together, discussed our requirements, and ended up with something like our present formation. Of course, the Skipper rounded off the corners for us and strengthened the weak spots, but that's all there is to it."

Lieutenant Bethea was also vague. "We just drew some lines on paper," he said, "and there it was. Then we tried it out on the company and it worked so good we decided there must be something wrong. But when the Skipper started criticizing it, we knew it had possibilities, because that's the way he acts when he is interested."

**Serious Thinking**  
Nevertheless, the maneuver indicates considerable serious thinking. It has already been brought out that it was designed to utilize any available means of transportation for the guns (remember that no transportation facilities were furnished by the State at that time) and also to provide maximum security for the guns prior to and while setting them up for action. As Lieutenant Bethea put it, "You just can't walk up and pull a machine-gun like you would a pistol." Undoubtedly, a great deal of the effectiveness of this maneuver is due to its compactness, which tends to create better control of all units.

This drill is SOP with D Company. Whether the guns are to be unloaded at the scene of a disturbance, or at a considerable distance from it for transportation on foot, this formation is always taken for security. It is equally effective with a hand-drawn cart or heavier transportation equipment, such as a truck.

**Maneuver Flexible**  
The maneuver is extremely flexible. It has been found that by maneuvering the guns from this form-

## Second Battalion's Off-Carrier Drill Illustrated

FIGURE 1

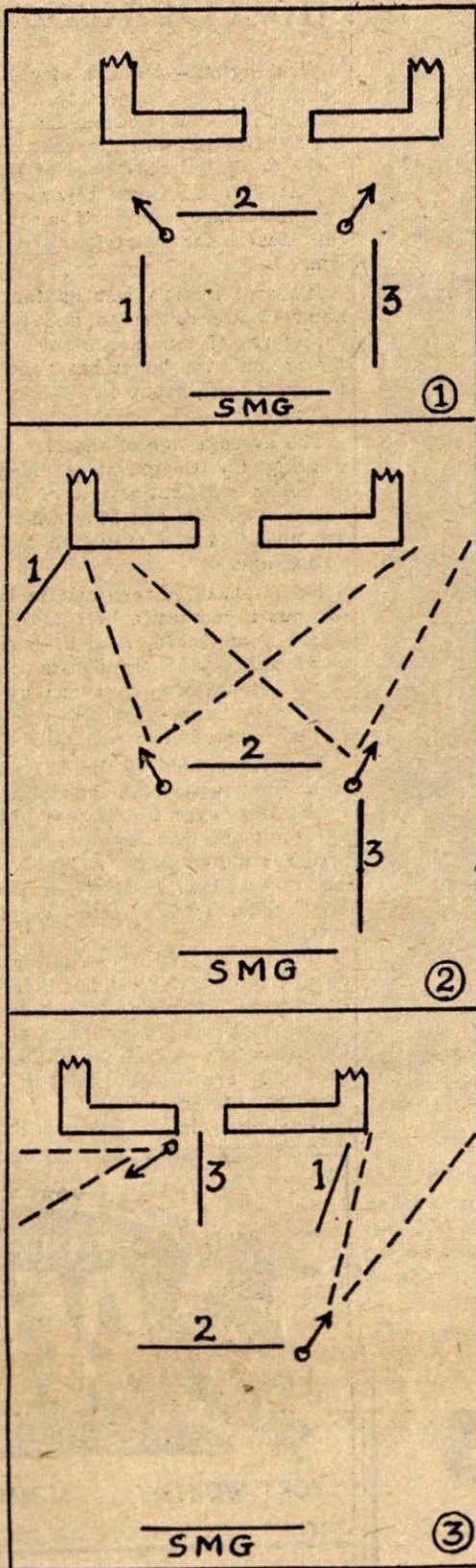
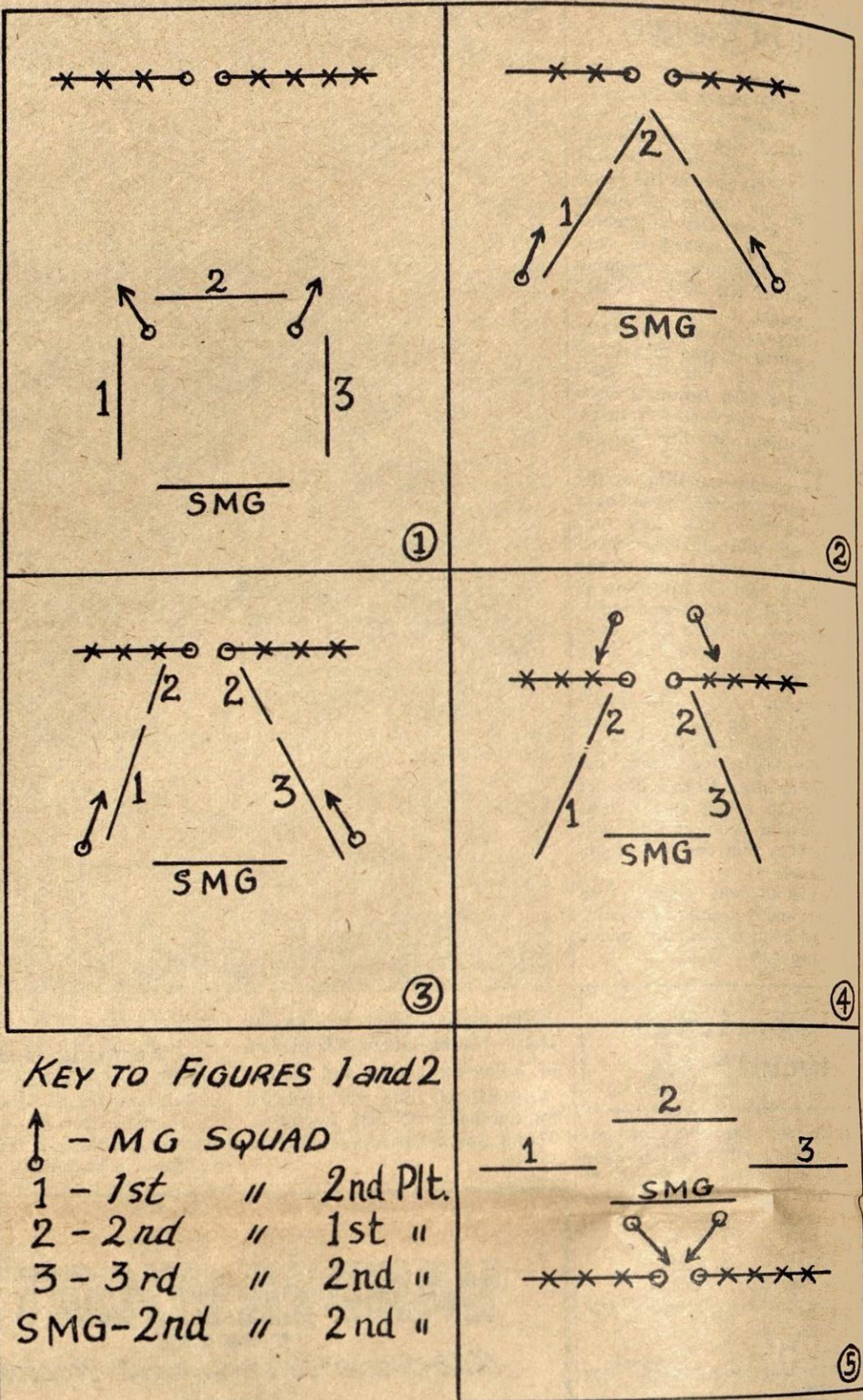


FIGURE 2



### KEY TO FIGURES 1 and 2

- ↑ - MG SQUAD
- 1 - 1st " 2nd Plt.
- 2 - 2nd " 1st "
- 3 - 3rd " 2nd "
- SMG - 2nd " 2nd "

ation, they can cover the operations of a riot squad with a minimum of danger to friendly troops. One interesting example was demonstrated how the possible fields of fire of the machine guns can be moved in advance of a bayonet squad maneuvering from a flank. The concentration of all sub-machine guns in the rear, or reserve, element also

These drawings illustrate the operation of the Off-Carrier Drill, used by the Second Battalion at Houston to clear crowds from the front of a building.

The diagram at the left (Figure 1), top to bottom, shows: Top: Step one, the off-carrier formation in front of a building, drawn up for action; center, step two, showing the left flank security element moved into position

to clear the area, covered by both machineguns; step three, bottom, shows another squad entering the building or protecting its entrance, according to the company's assigned mission, after the area has been cleared. One machine gun is moved to the front of the building. The second squad stands in reserve and the submachineguns protect the rear and flanks.

Figure 2 shows the off-carrier formation before a gathering at the entrance to a fence (step one); a wedge driven into a mob (step two); a wedge opened sufficiently to permit the entrance of the machinegun and weapons carrier (step three). The machineguns mounted inside the enclosure covering the entrance of troops (step four); and the company dispersed inside the enclosure (step five).

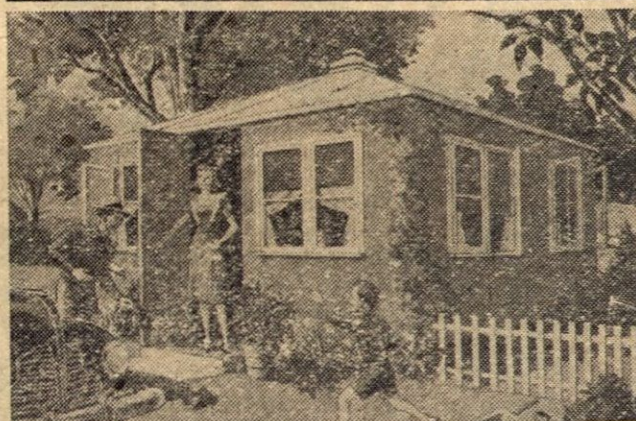
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# 19th Veteran Has Brilliant Combat Record

By CAPT E. H. MILLER, JR.

First Lt. Billy Burke, navigator and bombardier, 15th Air Force, recently addressed his old State Guard outfit, Company D, 19th Battalion, Dallas. Lt. Burke was a first lieutenant in the State Guard when he volunteered for the Air Force, having enlisted in the Guard when it was first organized in 1940.

He has been awarded the Presidential citation of Unit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the European Theatre Ribbon with three battle stars, as he served in the 144th Inf., Texas National Guard, six years before his enlistment in the Texas State Guard.

Lt. Burke went overseas in March, 1944, completed 56 missions over France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania and other countries and returned to his wife and four children on Christmas day. He was in a high altitude B-24 bombardment squadron and told "D" Company a story that kept them on the edge of their seats for an hour and a half.

Lt. Burke says: "I am glad to see such good attendance, evidence of eagerness and fine morale in my old outfit. The training in the Texas State Guard is very beneficial, and I can see the results of the swell job you are doing on the home front. Keep up the good work."

## Germany Sending Shaky Greybeards Into Front Lines

With the First Army Spearhead in Germany.—A German prisoner of war who asserted that he was 63 years old and had been a non-commissioned officer in the war of 1914-18, was taken by an American Armored Division, near Stolberg, Germany, recently.

Visibly shaken by his experience in the front lines, the old soldier gave further evidence that Hitler is scraping the bottom of the barrel in an all-out effort to stave off defeat.

The prisoner, an infantryman captured in the fierce house-to-house fighting which took place in the factory district of Stolberg, said that he had been in the army for only three weeks and was told that his duties would be confined to guarding the "numerous" American prisoners of war being taken by the Wehrmacht. Instead, he griped, he had been given a rifle and sent to the front.

Interrogation teams here with the First Army Spearhead division find that Hitler's warriors now run to extremes of age, either very young or very old. Most graybeards have the same story. They were sent to clean up blockhouses and defense points prior to fresh troops occupying them, or they were to guard the thousands of new American prisoners. In either case, these men soon found themselves manning blockhouses and fighting desperately with the infantry. The fresh troops and the "American prisoners" never materialized. In Germany, the phrase, "they're neither too young or too old," would seem to indicate a painful fact, rather than a popular song!—Army Times.

## What's In A Name?

Camp Lee, Va.—A captain came to see a certain major.

"Who are you?" the major asked.

"Wellensick, sir."

"Dammit, I asked who you are, not how you are."

"I'm Wellensick, sir."

"Look, captain, I don't give a damn whether you're sick or not. All I want to know is who you are."

"Sorry, sir. I'm Wellensick. John H. Wellensick, Jr., Hq., 2nd Training Group."—Army Times.

## Lt. Billy Burke



Lt. Billy Burke, formerly of Company D, 19th Battalion, at Dallas, shown addressing his old State Guard outfit on a recent visit back home.

## They're Fighting Fools No Matter How They Got In

With the Fifth Army in Italy.—The fighting in this country has given opportunity to observe whether any distinction is being made between men called into the Army by draft and the regulars. The general opinion is that any difference there may have been has utterly disappeared during the six months the GIs have fought together in the mud and on the mountains of Italy.

A lieutenant colonel in the 88th Division seemed puzzled for a moment when the question was put to him. Then he said that he had forgotten that his own "Blue Devils" had been known only last Spring as the first draftees in line.

Other divisions, such as the 34th, have had replacements of draftees, and the 91st have some men with a regular Army background. The natural process of replacement levels off the composition of the fighting units, so that the draftee as such is now far from restricted in any of the three divisions.

The 88th Division men were pulled together by the fighting, as the division was hit hard in the battle of Santa Maria Infante about May 15. But it went on to take Santa Maria and pushed on to Rome 25 days later. The 85th was with it and these two draftee outfits have shared the ups and downs of the Italian fighting.

The work done by these divisions,

## Co. D, 19th, Proud Of Its Big Family



Above are Pvt. Edgar Herrell, T/4 Minter E. Herrell, Sgt. Emmett D. Herrell, brothers, second, third and fourth respectively from the left in the front row. Pfc. Ben Herrell and Pvt. David Herrell, third and fourth in the second row, are brothers and the sons of T/4 Minter E. Herrell. T/5 Ralph Dixon is the brother-in-law of T/4 Minter E. Herrell and the father of Pfc. Billy Dixon, No. 1 front row, and Pvt. John Allen Dixon, No. 2 second row.

Sgt. Emmett D. Herrell was the first one of the family to enlist on October 1, 1941. The rest followed his example and are always on the alert for another Herrell or Dixon to bring in. T/5 Ralph Dixon has recruited six men besides his two sons and brings them all in his truck, which he has built seats in for

that purpose, to drill every Wednesday night from Vickery, Texas, to the 19th Battalion Headquarters at Fair Park in Dallas. Company D, 19th Battalion, is justly proud of the Herrells and Dixons.—E. H. Miller, Jr., Capt. Inf., TSG.

## He's Non-Combatant But Tough In Battle

With the U. S. Forces in France. Because he's a medical officer, Maj. Arthur L. Coopeer, of Somerset, Ky., is technically a non-combatant.

But—

He was torpedoed off Oran.

He received three Silver Star for gallantry at El Cuettar, Tunisia.

He was awarded the Bronze Star medal for his work on D-Day.

He was wounded in action on D-Day.

Major Cooper has completely recovered from his wounds, and he is now in Germany as regimental surgeon with a unit of the famous "Fighting First Division."

and the draftees in the other groups, have gone a long way to show that the Army called into being by the Selective Service Act of 1940 had what it takes.

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## 2nd Research Unit Is Tops On Inspection

The Second Training and Research Unit, Peacock Military Academy, San Antonio, commanded by Lt. Col. Donald W. Peacock, was inspected by Col. Donald Henley, U. S. Army instructor for the Texas State Guard, on 13 December, 1944.

In addition to a general rating of satisfactory on all points discovered, Col. Henley's comments included the following remarks:

"Organization is composed of faculty officers and students of the Peacock Military Academy, all officers being instructors in the Academy, and all enlisted men being students 16 years of age and over. Members of this organization receive 1½ hours drill per day, five days per week, and in addition see many training films.

"The organization has just taken possession of its new \$20,000 Armory Building, which is fireproof, and includes a Training Aids Room seating 200 people, equipped with a moving picture projection booth, portable blackboard and easel for graphic portfolio charts, and a very complete set of training aids and charts. Also included is the Ordnance Room, Supply Room and Fireproof Ammunition Vault.

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"Instruction—Excellent."

Demonstrations given by the three platoons of the unit included squad, platoon and company drill, riot formation and bayonet fighting. Out of an authorized strength of 100 officers and men, 98 were present at the inspection.

Col. Peacock reports that of all the inspections he has had at the Academy in the past number of years Col. Henley conducted the most thorough and efficient inspection of all.

The Second Training and Research Unit extends an invitation to all members of the State Guard to visit its new armory when in San Antonio.

### Report—

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Guard as long as there is a need for the Guard."

Col. Haggard's letter follows:  
Lt. Col. Edward D. Konken,  
President TSGOA,  
3816 Caroline,  
Houston, Texas.  
Dear Colonel Konken:

I submit herewith profit and loss statement on the Texas Guardsman for the year ending December 31, 1944.

I am also inclosing a check in the amount of \$1216.59, balance on the amount due the Texas State Guard Officers Association.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the Association and the officers of the Association for the past two years, and look forward to many more years of happy experiences with the Association. Through the cooperation of all concerned, it gives me great satisfaction in being able to have turned over to the Association during the year, 1944, \$2793.67.

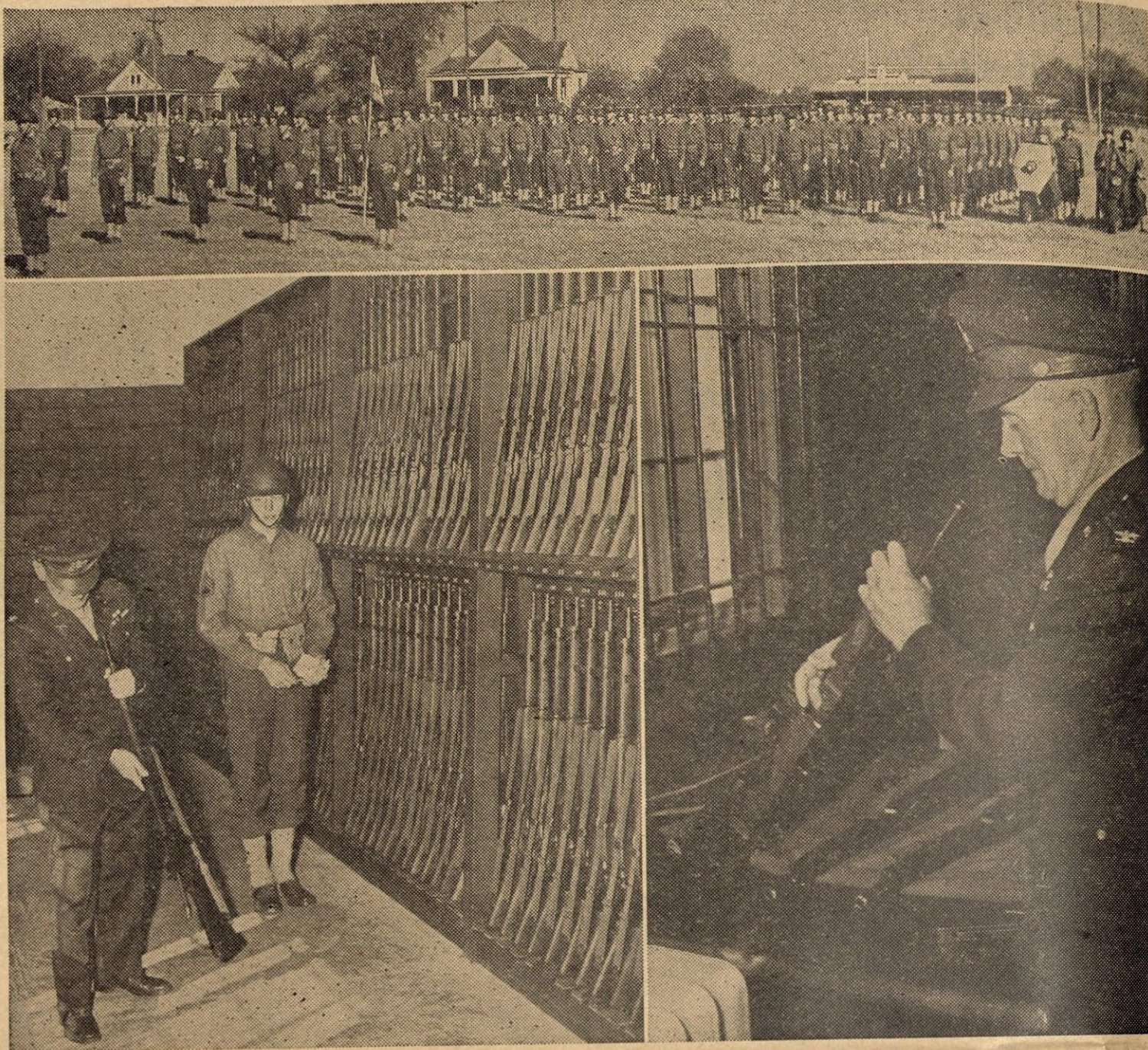
I offer to you what little support I can in helping to further any movement for the benefit of the Texas State Guard, and I am sure, under your leadership, the Association will be able to contribute great things for the Guard.

With best wishes for continued success, I am,

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## Col. Henley Gives 2nd Research Stiff Inspection



### Books For Soldiers On Small Business Plans Are Prepared

Washington.—At the request of Army Education Branch, Morale Services Division, ASF of the War Department, the Department of Commerce, through its Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, is preparing a series of books on establishing and operating small businesses and shops in a number of fields.

These books will be used in the Army Education Program and in other branches of the armed forces for voluntary study and informational reading.

The Department of Commerce

Top: Second Training and Research Unit formed in mass formation (less officers).

Bottom, right: Col. Donald Henley inspecting Thompson sub-machine guns.

Bottom, left: Col. Donald Henley examining a rifle in the new Ordnance Room. S/Sgt. James Patrick stands by to take notes.

has had the cooperation of many trade associations in the development of this project. It is the primary purpose of this series to provide authentic information about the management problems which are encountered in establishing small businesses. It is assumed that the prospective business operator will have had the necessary technical background and experi-

ence needed to establish his own business. Consequently the books ment problems. It is expected that books will be prepared in some 20 fields. Some materials are nearing completion, but others are in the earlier stages of development. The following fields are being included:

Metal working shops, sawmills, painting contractors, building contractors, electrical appliance stores, grocery stores, restaurants, dry cleaning establishments, shoe repair shops, filling stations, laundries, hardware stores, auto repair shops, real estate and insurance, heating and plumbing, apparel stores, beauty parlors, variety and general merchandise stores, bakery stores and drug stores.

These books have not yet been

published. Their distribution will be handled through the United States Armed Forces Institute, and at the beginning will be available to military personnel only. The Department of Commerce hopes, however, that at a later date it can ar-

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Scout Cars—

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in comparative safety this Scout Car would be very valuable. The value as a command car, except in convoys, is problematic and no doubt it could be employed to better advantage on other missions. The utility as a liaison car between detachments widely separated with intervening areas probably hostile is unquestionable. It possesses some value as a weapons and ammunition carrier.

The possibilities as a patrol car to prevent the disturbance from spreading to other areas are very obvious. The constant display of this armament to persons who are undecided as to where they stand has a psychological effect on the community through which they patrol. Other cases may arise where bus or street car transportation is kept from operating. In this case it is not advisable to put Guardsmen on to ride with the driver or motorman but a Scout Car following the transportation would be a very effective way of affording the protection needed.

The utilization of the car as transportation to post or change reliefs on widely separated posts where the population of intervening areas is of a questionable attitude is of great value. There is one other probable use of the Scout Car that may occur to some; however, it is well to remember never use the car as a headquarters.

There will be innumerable hours to be spent training the crews mechanically and technically in the operation of their weapons and during this period it is well to indoctrinate them with the instructions for occupants of vehicles.

Now, having considered some of the ways in which the Scout Car may be employed, let us next consider how it will be equipped and who we shall place in the crew. The number and type of weapons will be limited to those issued or loaned for Guard use. The .30 caliber heavy machine gun comes first. This gun may be fired for a limited time without water from the carriage on the gun rail, but can be used to better advantage off the car. The crew (Figure 1) for this weapon will be the car commander and machine gun crew chief (riot gun, gunner (pistol), assistant gunner (pistol), two ammunition carriers (rifles).

To assist the machine gun to go into action and to protect the gun crew, two men are added who are armed with submachine guns and gas grenades. In addition, smoke pots are carried in the car to be used by these gunners when needed. To complete the 8-man crew, we have the driver, who is armed with a submachine gun, and stays with the car during dismounted action.

The crews, having been thoroughly trained in the technical and mechanical duties to which they are assigned, and further trained so that any member is able to take over the duties of any other member of the crew, we are ready to consider formations to be employed in drill with two or more Scout Cars.

Figure 2 is self-explanatory, except that intervals and distances may be reduced or increased to meet the situation at hand. The hand and arm signals shown on pages 41, 60 and 61 of the State Guard Officers' Reference Book may be used by substituting "as skirmishers" signal for "line" and by dropping the arms with hands together in front of the body from the signal "wedge formation" to form "inverted wedge."

Drawings Illustrate Scout Car Uses

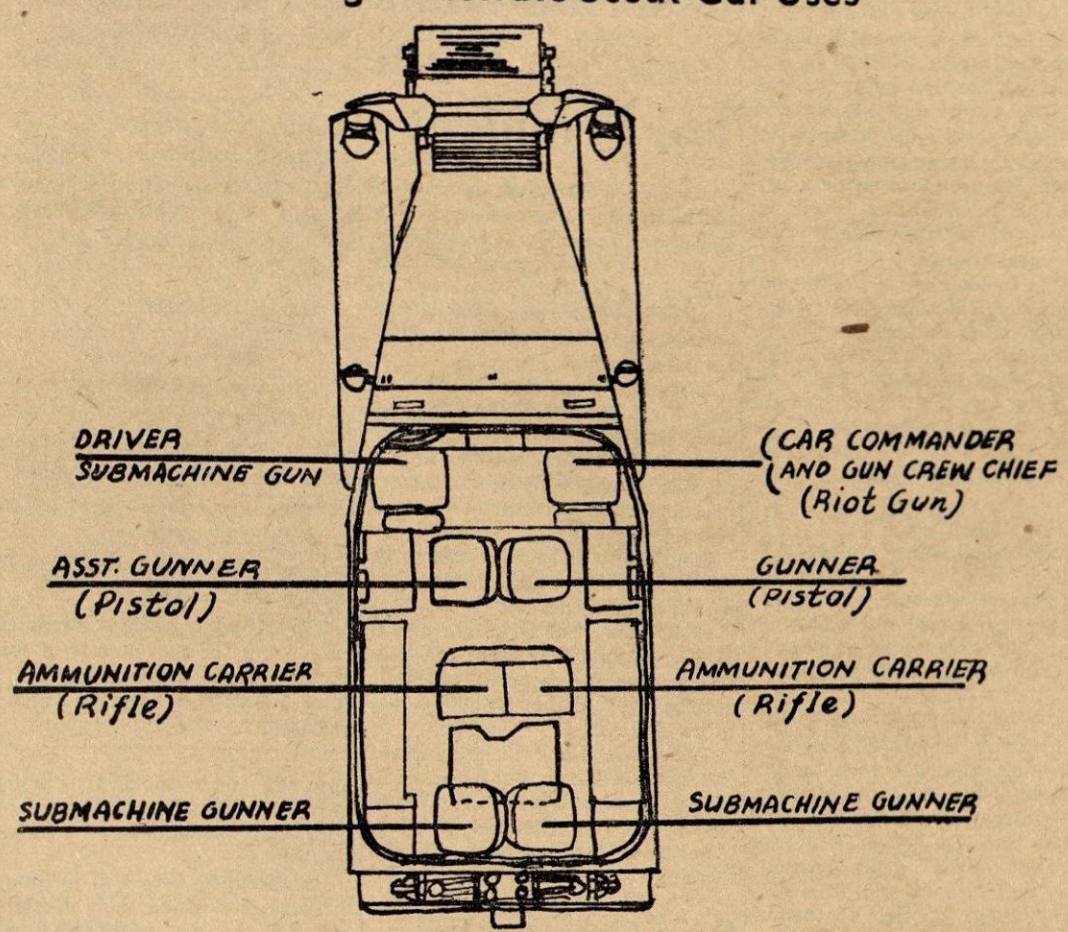


FIGURE No 1

8-MAN CREW OF THE SCOUT CAR

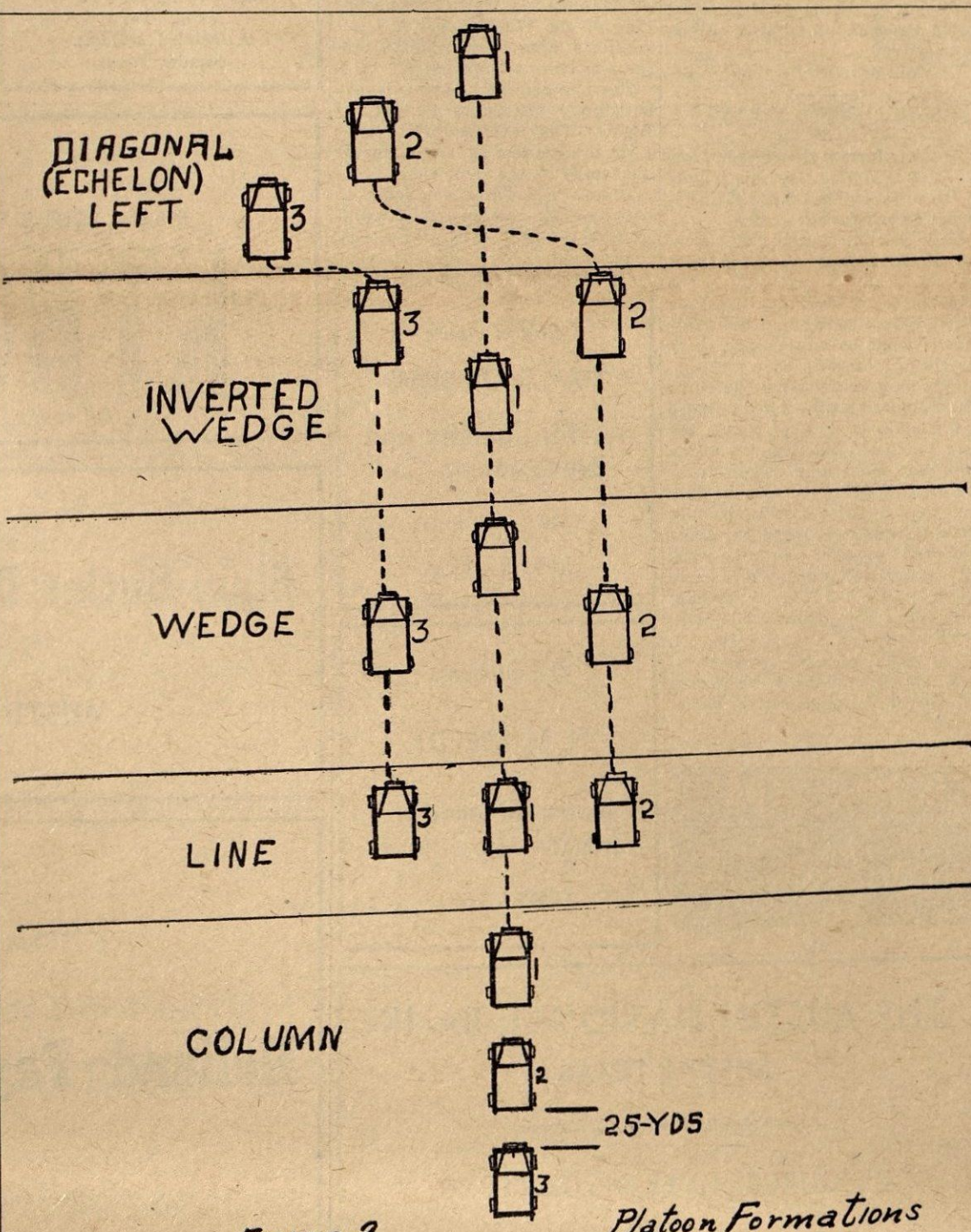


Figure 2

Platoon Formations

The drawings above are referred to in the article on scout cars which began on page one of The Guardsman. As you read the article turn to the drawings to give you a better idea of what the story outlines.

During a recent inspection of a kitchen, the officer turned to the mess sergeant and said: "Everything seems to be in good shape except there are too many flies around." Replied the sergeant, "Yes, sir, and how many am I allowed?"

Instructions For Occupants Of Vehicles

- 1. GENERAL RULES—
  - a. The occupants of military motor vehicles are considered in formation and do not leave the vehicle without proper authority.
  - b. No occupant may occupy any part of the vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the view of the driver.
  - c. Occupants keep wholly inside the vehicle unless specifically directed otherwise.
  - d. No vehicle will be moved until all occupants are inside the vehicle.
  - e. On trucks, tail gates will be kept closed while vehicles are in motion.

2. POSITIONS—Occupants in combat vehicles may be seated or standing at attention, or in one of the rest positions as follows:

- a. Attention. (1) The position of attention assumed by occupants, except the driver, seated in motor vehicles is an alert position, with back erect, chest lifted, shoulders squared, head up, eyes straight in the direction the occupant is facing, and arms falling naturally at the side. (2) The driver's position is the same as prescribed for seated occupants, except on wheeled vehicles the hands should rest on opposite sides of the steering wheel, on a horizontal line, generally through the center of the wheel, grasping the steering wheel firmly but without stiffness.

(3) Personnel, who normally stand in the vehicle (armored car commanders or others) assume the same position of attention as seated personnel, except that they may support themselves as needed to maintain their balance.

- (4) Silence is maintained. b. Rests. The commands are: At Ease, Rest, Route Order.

(1) At the command, At Ease, occupants of motor vehicles may assume a relaxed posture but do not leave their positions in the vehicle. Silence is maintained.

(2) At the command Rest, positions are maintained, comfortable postures may be assumed, and occupants may talk.

(3) Route Order is the habitual march order. On long marches and in the zone of combat, where every opportunity for sleep or rest may be taken, occupants of motor vehicles not specifically on duty may dispose themselves so as to secure the most comfort and rest.

GI: "Sir, I'm not asking for 20 days, or even 15 or even 10. All I want is a three day pass."

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# Reports From 31st Battalion

By LT. MYNATT SMITH

Two new officers have recently been commissioned in the 31st Battalion.

One is Capt. Herbert McDermott of Donna, a widely known Rio Grande Valley Presbyterian Church minister. He has been assigned to the chaplain's corps on the battalion staff of Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission.

Sgt. Jack Ross of Edinburg has been commissioned a second lieutenant to serve as platoon commander in Company F, Edinburg. Ross is one of the most experienced peace officers on the lower Texas border. An attorney for a number of years, he has been chief assistant criminal district attorney of Hidalgo County for several years under District Attorney Tom Hartley of Pharr, who also is a Guardsman in Company C, Pharr.

## SERVES IN FRANCE

A former Guardsman from McAllen, Pvt. Robert Lee Womack, is now serving with the infantry on the Western Front in France. His basic training in the Guard, he found, stood him in good stead during his early training in the army at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He is now a full-fledged foxhole tenant and has seen combat against the Germans twice, having spent one stay in a rest camp. His testimony supports the claim that there will be no easy victory over the Nazis. In one of his recent letters he wrote: "Those Germans just don't know when to quit fighting."

## SERGEANT VISITS DRILL

After 27 months in the U. S. Army Air Forces, Sgt. Calvin Martin of the Harlingen Army Air Field is training to be a gunner on a B-29 Superfort.

He paid a visit to one of the recent drill sessions of Company B, McAllen, of the Texas State Guard. It was the first time he had seen a TSG unit in action.

"I wish that I could have had a shot at State Guard experience before I entered the service," he said. "It would have saved me many an 'eating-out'."

The sergeant, brother of S/Sgt. Edgar Martin of Company B, author of the unit's weekly newspaper column, said he was impressed by the fact that about half of the men taking part in the McAllen drill were almost certain to see future military service because of their age, and that they were receiving training that would put them far ahead of average army rookies.

## CAPT. VAN NESS Praised

This word of commendation for a recently promoted officer of the 31st Battalion comes from Leon H. Brown, who writes a weekly column of Guard news for Company A, in the Mission Times:

"Another promotion which was heartily applauded by members of Company A was that of former

First Lt. Frank C. Van Ness to be captain and operations and training officer of the 31st Battalion staff. Van Ness started drilling with us at the ball park as a private (in 1940) and has been a member of TSG since organization of Company A was authorized Nov. 4, 1940. He soon was made a corporal and an instructor on the use of firearms, at which his services were most valuable—in fact, too valuable to be devoted to only one company of TSG. He was made a sergeant major and assigned to the 31st Battalion staff, later becoming commissioned as lieutenant."

Much of the early history of the first unit to be organized in the battalion has been told in the writings of Columnist Brown.

## RE-ENLISTS

Sgt. Philip Boeye of Company B, McAllen, recently completed his three-year enlistment in the guard and re-enlisted. He was again assigned his sergeancy by Captain C. D. Martin, commanding officer.

## "WORN-OUT RIFLE"

Cpl. Curtis Echols of Company B, McAllen, missed out on the recent federal inspection of his unit. It was during that inspection that this question was asked: Why is a rifle called a rifle? The answer, of course, was because of the rifling in the barrel. Another of the inspection questions was: What kind of a gun would it be if it did not have rifling?

The next time the corporal attended drill, he was asked these questions. He got the first one right, but to the query about what would the gun be without rifling, he answered:

"A worn-out rifle."

## EX-GUARDSMAN PAYS TRIBUTE

Another former Guardsman from the 31st Battalion pays his tribute to the organization, now that he is in the armed forces.

He is Seaman Second Class Leonard H. Irving, who served both with Company B and the service detachment of McAllen, 31st Battalion, before going into the navy. This is what he wrote Capt. C. D. Martin of Company B:

"Training recruits for the Navy and training recruits for the Guard are similar in lots of ways, but here I have a full-time job and a group of boys young enough to be my own. I still like training duty (he was a prize rookie handler while in the Guard) and our Navy is a grand organization to be with."

"I hope that Company B is up to full strength and I know without asking that it is still a good outfit. The State Guard is doing a fine job and it would be much better if all men coming into the service could get Guard training before induction."

# 31st Non-Coms Pick Sgt. White For President

Donna.—Meeting on January 12 at the armory of Company E, 31st Battalion, Texas State Guard, representative non-commissioned officers of the battalion completed organization of an association of such officers patterned after the Officers Association.

Twenty-five members were present. First Sgt. Glen White of Company E, Donna, was elected president; P. D. Moore and Joe LeBow of Headquarters Detachment, vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Meetings will be held quarterly, the last Friday night in the first month of each quarter.

Companies F of Edinburg and G of Rio Grande City were not represented at the meeting, but it is anticipated that they will cooperate to the fullest.

The Association will be more social than military, but brief business sessions will take care of proposals and criticisms for the betterment of the battalion and its morale.

## Extra Allowances For Vets Leaving Trades

Washington.—Supplemental apprentice allowances of \$50 to \$75 a month will be given returning service men wishing to take advantage of the War Manpower Commission's apprentice-training program to learn a trade.

The supplemental payments are authorized under the GI Bill of Rights. They are made to permit a vet to acquire a skill and support his family at the same time.

Unions and firms contacted to date by WMC have indicated a willingness to give vets preferential consideration for apprenticeship

After a particularly heavy Allied raid on Berlin, Goering discovered Hitler prowling the streets, worriedly looking this way and that.

"And what, mine Fuehrer," said Goering, "are you seeking?"

"Well," answered Hitler, "the BBC said last night that I should be able to see the handwriting on the wall by now, but—"

"Yes, Adolf?"

"Damn it, Hermann, I can't find a wall."

A soldier who had returned to civilian life wrote as follows to his officer: "Sir, after what I have suffered for the past two years, it gives me great pleasure to tell you to go to hell."

In due course he received the following reply:

"Sir: Any suggestion or inquiries concerning the movements of military personnel must be entered on form MF 3412, a copy of which is enclosed."

openings and a number of unions have extended the maximum age limit to accommodate over-age servicemen.

Handicapped vets will be placed in trades for which their disability will not be an obstacle.—Army Times.

She: "If wishes came true what would you wish for?"

He: "Gosh. I'm afraid to tell you."

She: "Go ahead, sap, what do you think I brought up this wishing game for?"

"There goes Sgt. Whoofle. He's one of the greatest halfbacks that ever lived."

"I didn't know he ever played football."

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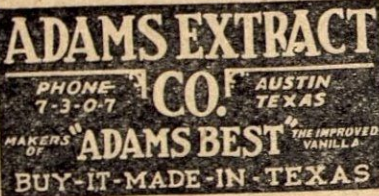
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**Texan Exposes Himself To Fire To Save Comrades**

Kilgore.—A landing craft loaded with a tank developed a dangerous list as Yank forces were fighting their way onto the beaches of Saipan last June 15 and Cpl. Jessie A. Gardner, Kilgore Marine, volunteered to move to an exposed position on the boat to lend his weight in helping keep it righted. For that action, in which he was wounded seriously, he has been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry, as well as the Purple Heart, Marine Corps Lt. Gen. H. M. Smith has notified Cpl. Gardner's mother, Mrs. Bill White.

"He knowingly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery fire instead of seeking the shelter of the hull," wrote Gen. Smith to Mrs. White. "An enemy shell hit the craft, wounding him seriously. His sacrifice and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval service."

Cpl. Gardner was struck by shrapnel just above the left knee. in the right wrist, calf of the left leg, and heel of the left foot. After spending three and a half months in an overseas hospital, he has now returned to the Southwest Pacific, although he still carries four pieces of Jap steel in his leg.

Cpl. Gardner attended Kilgore High School and New London High School, where he played football.

**Nearly 12 Million Men Are Now In U. S. Armed Forces**

Washington.—That the armed forces of the United States have increased to 11,900,000 since D-Day was announced in a report by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Of the total, 8,100,000 are in the Army, the rest in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

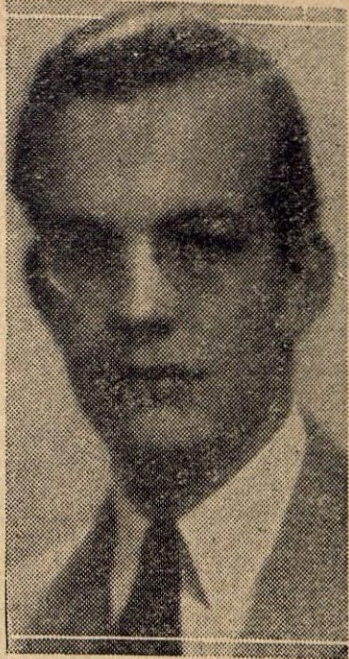
Mr. Byrnes cited the figures in emphasizing "the remarkable job in mobilization" since 1940, at which time the country's military strength was 700,000.

The 11,900,000 is a net estimate, arrived at after deducting 1,500,000 for those discharged or killed.

An officer was teaching a group of backward G.I.'s. "Of course," he said, "you all know that the Englishman is often referred to as John Bull. But can anyone say what we sometimes call a typical American?"

A soldier just back from Guadalcanal piped up, "Uncle Spam, sir."

**Honored**



Shown above is James A. Elkins, Jr., who was chosen by the Houston Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding young man of 1944 in the City of Houston. Mr. Elkins, vice president of the City National Bank, has shown a great interest in the Texas State Guard and has assisted in the work of the Guard units in Houston.

"And what is the baby's name?" asked the chaplain softly.

The soldier smiled proudly as he hoisted the little fellow up on his arm. "Chauncey William Robert Montgomery Sterling."

Up shot the chaplains eyebrows as he turned to his assistant. "More water, please."

**Off-Carrier Drill—**

Continued from Page 10)

adds to the effectiveness of this formation.

Another interesting problem showed a wedge driven into a mob congregated at the entrance to a fence; the wedge also being covered by possible fields of fire. When driven sufficiently deep, the wedge is opened enough to permit the entrance of the machine guns and weapons carrier, whereupon the entire company is moved inside the enclosure, again covered by the machine guns set up inside, together with the sub-machine gun squad operating at the rear.

**Tactics Simple**

As a matter of fact, if it serves no other purpose whatever, this formation demonstrates the value of teamwork better than anything that has yet been attempted. No man can help but realize the importance of his particular job and the job of his unit to the operation.

"The tactics of war are still simple," observed Captain Morrison. "The simpler they are, the more effective they are. This is especially true in an organization like the State Guard, where you always have a varied degree of training. Get something that will do the work, one that the men enjoy, keep

it simple, and it will be surprisingly effective."

Fundamentals of this drill, of course, have already been described in a Training Circular from the AGO. However, the officers of this company welcome all inquiries and will do their best to clarify any

point not readily understood. They would especially welcome suggestions for its improvement.

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# 13th Captain Gives Views On Selections

By Capt. Gerald W. Hildebrand  
Operations Officer, 13th Bn.

No satisfactory system for the selection of leaders has ever been developed by the Army or the Texas State Guard.

A college cheer leader might be a hell of a misfit as a leader of boys from city alleys, yet a scrapper from that alley might make fighting men of fellows who have led a life of ease.

No good tests for leadership ability measurement have been found except: General Qualification Tests:

1. A man scoring high is most likely to succeed as an officer or non-com but some do fail.

2. Mental ability is not the only guide, other capabilities and capacities can not be measured by any test but can be found by: a. Observation, and b. Interview.

3. Good judgment on these things require competent judges.

4. Rank in itself is no guarantee of ability to judge correctly leadership in another, but based on

a. Successful predictions in the past;

b. Several judges taking part;

c. And actual performance of candidate in the handling of men in addition to answers given to questions in a written test, less mistakes in selection of officers and non-coms will be made.

## Experience

5. Leadership develops with experience:

(a. Attendance (Regular Drill and Non-Com Schools).

b. Study and application.

6. Age is a qualification in most military organizations for it has been proven that a man of 30, 40 or 50 years who is just as good as a leader as a man of 24 or 25 ears, will not progress as rapidly because of the fact that he has taken longer to get where he is and it will take him longer to make the next advance in grade.

7. Often choice can be made between men for advancement by talking to other officers or enlisted men of the company or detachment concerned.

8. There are no born leaders.

9. All leadership is based on learning how to deal with men, and some leaders improve more rapidly than others in gaining the experience necessary.

10. A good leader has learned his job thoroughly and has prepared himself for the next step up. Some leaders don't attempt to study for a position until it is handed to them.

11. Any leader, be he the lowest non-com or the highest ranking officer, should know his stuff and his men and show that he does know it and should never attempt to bluff on any proposition. If a question is asked on drill regulations or procedure and the officer does not know the answer let him freely admit that fact and look up the answer as soon as possible. A bluffer loses the confidence of his men and all other officers.

12. Decisiveness is a skill to acquire; snap judgment is not necessary as a rule. Weigh the merits of alternate courses or men, reserving judgment until you have all the facts, seek advice or the knowledge of others, remembering that it is not essential to set up a council of war on most things or to leave

# Capt. John Collier Host At Party To Company E, 27th

Capt. John B. Collier, Jr., commander of Company E, 27th Battalion, Texas State Guard, played host to his company during the holidays with a Christmas party at the armory. Turkey with all the trimmings was enjoyed by 45 members of Company E and guests, which included members of the TSG staff. The dinner was prepared under the direction of Sgt. Hans Hansen, company mess sergeant.

First Lt. Edward H. Lysaght of Company E assisted Captain Collier as host at the party, which is an annual affair. Second Lt. Leon D. Harris was not able to be present, having been taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy.

Guests included Lt. Col. Marshall H. Kennady, 27th Battalion commander, and Capt. Orsen E. Paxton, Jr., who inspected the company prior to the dinner. Also present were Lt. Col. Charles G. Fox, 27th Battalion chaplain; Capt. Howard C. Maddox, commander service detachment; Capt. Lorenzo E. Holcomb, Company A commander; First Lt. F. C. Armstrong, medical administrative officer, and First Lt. Chas. D. Moline of Company C. Sgt. Brannon Bussey, battalion photographer, also attended.

things to a vote of your subordinates; therefore, make your own decision.

## Basis Of Appointment

13. Every appointment made as a Non-Com by Company or Detachment Commanders should be based on the prospective non-com's:

a. Regularity of attendance.

b. Ability as an instructor.

c. Understanding of men and their welfare.

d. Confidence in himself.

e. Promptness in making decisions.

f. His judgment and common sense.

g. His physical strength and bearing.

h. His preparation for advancement.

i. Must have a good voice, as a command that cannot be heard cannot be followed.

j. The candidate cannot be hot-headed, temperamental or of a tendency to pull rank on subordinate ill-advisedly.

14. Similarly are appointments recommended for officers with additional grading by other officers on basis of answers to questions in a written examination, handling of men in close order drill, ability to assume a fair share of the paper work of the organization, his diplomatic way of correcting errors of non-coms under him (being careful never to correct anyone in front of or in hearing of the men under that person's command—to do so would lessen the effectiveness of the non-com and would raise doubt as to correctness of future instruction). He must be enthusiastic and confident in the necessity for the existence of the Texas State Guard, be able to accept responsibility, and must be fair to his men, going to bat for them when needed.

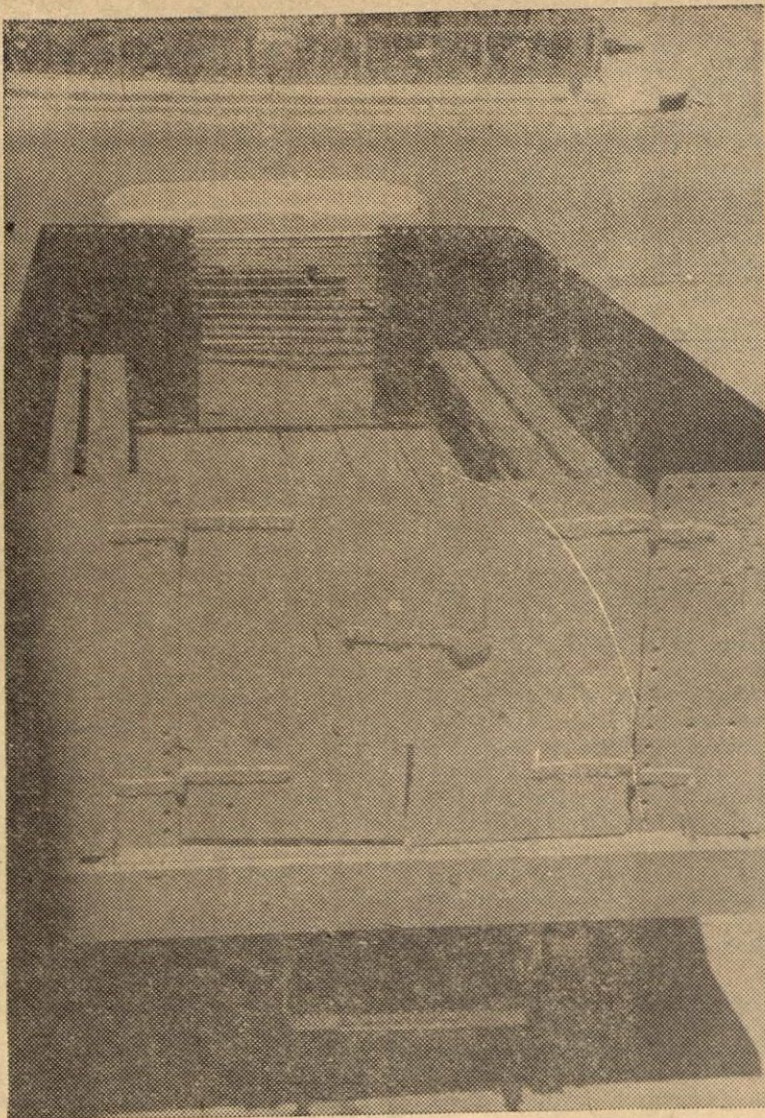
## No Full Approval

15. No appointment as an officer or non-com has ever met with 100% approval, either of officers or men. Everyone has some favorite that he would like to see advanced, or he may have ambitions of his own.

16. Some non-coms apparently in line for officer appointment are at times held up for various reasons, some being held for special jobs at a later date; some are so hard to replace that they are of more value to the battalion where they are.

17. All officers of the Texas State Guard are proud of their particular battalion and the men that compose it, and the men of the battalions should continue to have confidence in their officers in the belief that, due to their experience in coming up from the ranks themselves, they can make the proper selection of non-coms and of officers to assist them in handling battalion, company or detachment affairs.

# Armored Truck Of 13th



Laredo's 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard, lays claim to the first armored truck in the organization having built from heavy steel a body for a large truck which the battalion purchased early in 1941.

The capacity of the truck is 16 men. It is used in various parades and maneuvers, as well as hauling equipment to Company D, Mirando City, and Company C, Hebbronville.

# The Chances Are One In A Million

Buckley Field, Colo.—It could only happen to one American soldier out of 11,000,000!

When Cpl. Tony G. Ferraro of Pueblo, popular Buckley Field entertainer, entered the Army 25 months ago at Ft. Logan, Colo., he was outfitted with khaki and olive drab by his ex-civilian tailor, Pvt. Ralph Brown.

Recently Tony returned to Ft. Logan for a discharge. His GI clothes were taken away from him by the same Ralph Brown—now a corporal—and the Army Air Forces Training Command soldier was assigned to the same barracks and same bunk he occupied when inducted.

# 99th Division Fought Top Nazis Around Clock For Five Days

First Army Headquarters.—The outfit that fought the Nazis around the clock for five days; which captured Field Marshal von Rundstedt's order of the day revealing plans of the all-out German counter offensive, and which took it on the chin and handed it right back was the 99th Infantry Division, it was disclosed by First Army Headquarters.

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LESSON No. 19—Unit 2.—Browning Machine Gun Cal. .30 M1917 A1  
Training For Placing the Machine Gun in Action.

## 1. Gun Drill.

- Team work is assured by rotation of duties during drill so each member by practice becomes acquainted expertly with the more detailed actions of the number 1 man, the number 2 man, and the number 3 man, who constitute the gun crew.
- The number 1 man repeats all commands of the corporal and the number 2 man transmits all signals to number 1.
- At the completion of any ordered movements, the member of the team

responsible for its correct execution calls "UP," and the number 2 man signals READY.

d. Unless otherwise stated, individuals move from one position to another at a run.

(1) To secure equipment to put the gun into action—(a) In drill the command is: SECURE EQUIPMENT FOR GUN DRILL. In the field the command is: OFF CARTS. At the appropriate command, the men fall out and secure particular equipment as follows:

Personnel	Field Equipment	Drill Equipment
Corporal	Clinometer (habitually attached to the belt. Spare barrel. Cleaning rod.	Clinometer (habitually attached to the belt).
No. 1 Man	Tripod.	Tripod.
No. 2 Man	Gun (with the flash hider and the steam condensing device attached). Asbestos mittens. Canvas gun cover.	Gun (with the steam condensing device attached). Canvas gun cover.
No. 3 Man	1 chest of ammunition. 1 chest of water. 1 carrying sling.	1 ammunition chest (containing a belt with several dummy rounds). 1 water chest (empty).
No. 4 Man	1 chest of spare parts. 1 chest of water. 1 carrying sling.	These numbers are released during drill for other training until called for.
All higher numbers	Each carrying 2 chests of ammunition, 1 carrying sling.	(See Page 18)

gun pintle housing with the left hand, and swings the loose legs to the front. (Fig. 3.) Still grasping the gun pintle housing with the left hand, he

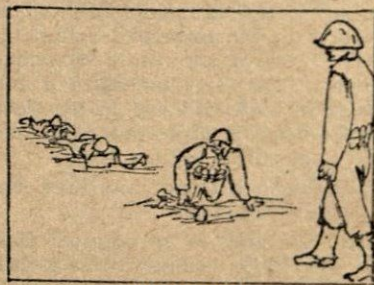


FIGURE 1.

into the ground with his right foot. places the left forearm on the left thigh, glances up, and aligns the trail in the direction of the fire. He then adjusts the tripod to the ground so that the traversing dial is level. Both front legs of the tripod are tightly clamped. He stamps the trail shoe. Then he sits down behind the tripod and withdraws the pin and holds it in

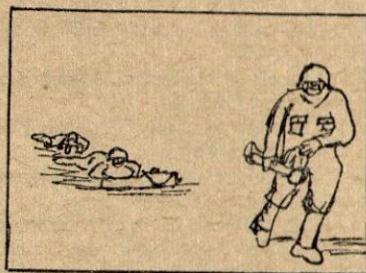


FIGURE 2.

his left hand. (Fig. 4.) As soon as the tripod is nearly mounted, the number 2 man (gun), who is in prone position, seizes the grip of the gun with his right hand, and passes his left

under his left arm (Fig. 3), runs to a position on the LEFT of and facing hand over and under the water jacket. He springs to his feet, raises the gun-

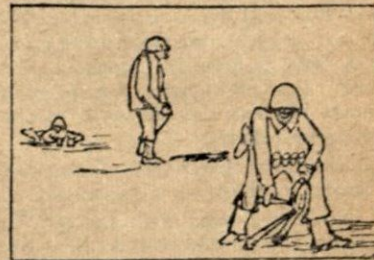


FIGURE 3.

the tripod. He places his left foot between the front legs of the tripod. The gun is placed in position with the gun pintle in its housing. (Fig. 4.) This action takes place by the num-

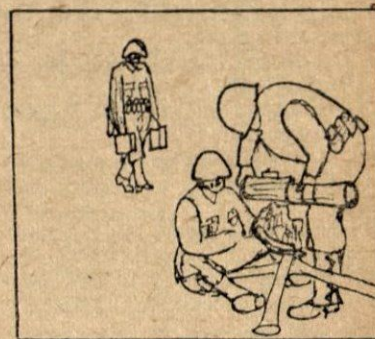


FIGURE 4.

ber 2 man immediately after the number 1 man stamps the trail shoe of the tripod into the ground.

(This Lesson to be continued.)

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## C U T H E R E

## Is Your Country Worth Fighting For?

(Former Member of 5th Battalion)

One reason we Americans have gained the reputation for being soft is that we have had such an abundance of the things that people the world over want, hope and work for; and we have had so much freedom with our abundance that we have taken for granted that with no particular effort on our part we would always enjoy these advantages. You know that our declared enemies are envious of the things we have and perhaps you have heard rumors of their agents working in our country to undermine us from within, but that probably has not disturbed you much. Some officials, perhaps you have heard, have been greatly disturbed by the possibilities of internal disturbances. These may be in some cases spontaneous, but in most cases partially or wholly attributable to foreign influences.

Have you felt that work with the State Guard was more or less a patriotic hobby or pastime? Until you have seen other people in other places and what little they have compared to you, a full appreciation of the value of a strong and well trained force for internal security cannot be fully realized. You have heard that we have the greatest country on earth, but until you see and compare what we have with what others have, there is no way of communicating to you just how fortunate you are to be citizens of what even the people of other countries admit to be the greatest place on earth.

And yet, with what they have they feel that it is worth fighting for. If with their little they feel that they are willing to, even anxious to fight for what they have, then isn't our country with its bountiful abundance worth many times more to US? Shouldn't we be more willing to fight and sacrifice everything necessary to keep the U. S. A. the greatest country on earth?

What we Americans are called on to do is much less than what we should be anxious to do and a great deal less than what people in other countries are obligated to do for theirs, that if every citizen could visit even the best of foreign lands we would be overwhelmed with patriotism to such an extent that every factory would operate to full capacity; every home war organization would be over-supplied with patriotic citizens clamoring for an opportunity to keep America American. There would be little or no need for rationing and price control, no strikes or slowdowns, but a tremendous increase in efficiency that would thrill our boys on the fighting fronts to even greater achievements.

Those who are privileged to remain in this greatest country have another job—the job of keeping America like the boys remember it. We need, must and will do our utmost toward winning the war and the peace; but we still need to work with undying effort to keep our-

selves internally clean of all the greed and internal strife as well as external influences. Although no system of government is perfect, since we do have the finest government on earth, the best school system, the most progressive business men and establishments, the most efficient manufacturing facilities, the most skilled workers, the greatest inventive genius and many other mosts, including transportation, let's pitch in with renewed effort to keep our country the envy of every other country in the world.

With a top-notch State Guard, we can already be mighty proud of our work. Guardsmen are already doing a double job of carrying on the American way of life for ourselves and for the boys "over there," and keeping down misguided influences that would disrupt or destroy our internal security. Is what we have worth that little extra we contribute to keep it secure?

Guardsmen, you have done a fine job, but that job must continue. We must keep up our strength and efficiency. Every American owes you a great debt for doing the job you are doing, have done and will continue to do to keep our country the land of prosperity and opportunity.

A sergeant is a large, forceful person of few words—but often.

## 24 States Ready To Spend 823 Millions For Post-War Work

Chicago.—Twenty-four states have plans completed to start the ball rolling on post-war public works projects involving expenditure of more than 823 million dollars as soon as manpower and materials are available.

The Council of State Governments announced these 24 states had completed their surveys. All states have been asked to compile data as to post-war planning activities, and it is expected full information will be available early in the new year.

In addition to the projects tabbed as "ready to go," the 24 states reported they had post-war construction projects in the design, preliminary preparation or idea state, estimated to cost \$3,917,453,000.

The figures are exclusive of post-war highway construction. Ten of the 24 states also reported

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(2) To Form the Crew (Squad)  
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(a) For drill the crew forms in column at 5 paces distance with the number 1 man 5 paces in front of and facing the corporal. Each man grounds his load and takes the prone position as follows:

1. Number 1 man, with the tripod on his right, the trail to the rear.
2. Number 2 man, with the gun to his front, the muzzle to the left, resting on the canvas gun cover.
3. Number 3 man, with the chests to his front, one foot apart, ready to be seized upon springing up, the ammunition chest on the right, its latch to the front, the water chest on the left, its lid to the front.
4. Other members, if present, with the chests in front, one foot apart, the latches to the front.

(3) To Change Numbers and Duties During Drill.

The command is: FALL OUT ONE. At the command—

- (1) Number 2 moves to the position of number 1, and calls out, "ONE."
- (2) Number 3 moves to the position of number 2, and calls "TWO."
- (3) Number 1 moves to the position of number 3, and calls "THREE."

This drill continues in this manner until each man has become familiar with the duties involved.

(4) To Examine the Gun Equipment:

(a) The equipment being grounded, the corporal commands: EXAMINE EQUIPMENT BEFORE FIRING. At

this command, each man, keeping well down, examines the equipment constituting his load as indicated below, and reports to the corporal, naming the deficiencies, if any, which he cannot correct. The same procedure is followed in both drill and in the field, except that in drill—water, oil and ball ammunition are assumed.

(1) Number 1 man examines the tripod and sees that:

- (a) The trail is so adjusted that the gun can be mounted at the proper height with the traversing dial level.
- (b) The front legs and the trail are folded closely and clamped, and the strap is buckled securely around the trail.
- (c) The cradle is aligned over the trail.
- (d) The elevating arc is clamped at zero.
- (e) The traversing clamp is tight.
- (f) The traversing dial is clamped.
- (g) The gun pintle latch lever is down.
- (h) The pin is inserted fully in its carrying recess.
- (i) The elevating screw threads are exposed one-half inch.
- (j) The gear housing is centered in the traversing screw.
- (k) The elevating and traversing micrometers are at zero.

(2) The number 2 man examines the gun. He pulls back the latch, raises the sight leaf and the cover, pulls the bolt to its rearmost position, engages the extractor cam plunger in rear of the extractor feed cam, and

examines the gun, and sees that:

- (a) The muzzle gland is packed properly and screwed in tight.
- (b) The barrel is clear and clean.
- (c) The water jacket is full of water.
- (d) The water plugs and the hose connections are tight.
- (e) The gun pintle is clean.

The number 2 man then lets the bolt go forward, and ascertains that:

- (a) The head space is correct, making any necessary adjustments.
- (b) The barrel-locking spring functions correctly.
- (c) The moving parts are oiled and functions without excessive friction.

Finally the number 2 man lowers and latches the cover, sets the rear sight with the tips of the adjusting plate blades at 700 and the wind gauge at zero, lowers the sight leaf, and pulls the trigger.

(3) The number 3 man (and each ammunition carrier) inspects his ammunition chest or chests and sees that:

- (a) The cartridges are placed and aligned correctly.
- (b) The ammunition belt is clean and dry.
- (c) The belt is packed correctly in its chest.
- (d) The chest is latched.

The number 3 man then examines the water chest and sees that:

- (a) The chest is full of water.
- (b) The lid is screwed on.
- (c) The outlet cap is tight.

Upon completing this examination

of the equipment, number 1, 2 and 3 take post and number 3 reports, "Ammunition correct (or the deficiencies)"; number 2 reports, "Gun and ammunition correct (or the deficiencies)"; and number 1 reports, "All correct (or all deficiencies which cannot be corrected)."

Thorough Examination

A thorough examination of the gun equipment is made at the beginning and at the end of each drill period. The initial inspection must assure that the ammunition belts are free of live rounds. Upon a change of numbers, such examination of equipment, without report, is made as will determine that it is in proper condition for the execution of the drill.

C. To Put the Gun Into Action:

1. The corporal indicates the point where the gun will be mounted and the general direction of fire, and commands or signals: ACTION. At the command numbers 1 and 2 proceed as follows:

Number 1 man, who is in the prone position, grasps the trail leg of the tripod with his right hand at a point in front of the name plate. (Fig. 1.) He then springs up, placing his left hand under the gun pintle housing and lifts the tripod. He carries it at a run to the designated point. (Fig. 2.) He places it on the ground with the trail rearward. He straddles the trail, and unclamps the front legs simultaneously with both hands. Then he grasps the trail with the right hand and the

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In addition to the fact that Clarence Rentz is extremely congenial and tireless in his cooperation, he is an inspiration to his buddies because of his patriotism. Fifty years of age, he simply compelled the Army to take him in on the day it called the youngest of his five sons into the service.

"Pop," as he is affectionately known at Rucker, has two boys overseas, WO. Medious Rentz and T/Sgt. Lee Renty, who have been "somewhere in New Guinea" for two and a half years with the Signal Corps.

Another son, T/Sgt. Bernard Rentz, is a chief gunner with the Field Artillery at Camp Chaffee, Ark., while Sgt. Clyde Rentz is with the Harbor Defense Command, stationed at Fort Moultrie, S. C., which, incidentally, is only 75 miles from the farm house of the Rentz. Here, "Mom" and sister Madge kept the home fires burning, while the sixth and youngest son, LaMar, just reached 18 and accepted for Air Cadet Training, awaits call.

On the day in 1942 the fifth boy, George, became of age for the Army, he and "pop" decided to enlist at Fort Jackson, S. C., the "contract" calling for enlistment of both. They received rigorous basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas, with AAA, then 11 months with the AA at Camp Tyson, Tenn., followed by a stay at Camp Hulen, Texas, to help activate the "Black Panther" battalion. This year, they moved to Camp Rucker.

Capt. George F. Kelly, Jr., battalion commander, regards "Pop" as a great asset to his outfit. The youngsters love him and have made him their "father confessor." In his handy-man job he's a "Mr. Fix-It" for the battery, and he's the "Trouble Adjuster" for all the boys.

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Private: "Halt!"

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sergeant, to be helpful, prompted him.

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Private: "Friend."

Sergeant: "Advance, friends, and be recognized."

The private advanced.

Sergeant: "Recognized. Proceed."

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Hartel, Elmer D.	Major	Hq., 49th Bn.
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This Nazi Really Wanted Capture

With the 30th Infantry Division. Sgt. William M. Nance of Savannah, Mo., played hard to get, but the German was persistent and got what he wanted: the sergeant as his captor.

"I'll never lay down my gun again, not for a minute," Sergeant Nance declared as he explained his plight.

He had left his rifle in his jeep while he walked over to investigate what he thought was a deserted German truck.

Someone tapped him on the shoulder. Nance looked around—and up—to see the biggest German paratrooper he ever hopes to see.

Nance grabbed the German's rifle, but wasn't sure how to operate is, so took off on a run to his jeep and his own gun.

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Five major French rail and three other single-track lines have been reconditioned by the United States Army Engineers after systematic wrecking by Allied bombers. Accuracy of air attack while the French railroads were in German hands was such that rehabilitation was a monumental task. Equipment suffered as much as trackage in the attacks.

The French estimate that 60 per cent of their rolling stock was destroyed. At a single marshalling yard now in use by the U. S. Army is the charred and rusting junk of 1,300 locomotives and freight cars. In addition, 400 locomotives were seized by the Germans. Among these were a number of the famous American "Pershing" locomotives

of the World War which were still in service 25 years later.

When the invasion was planned, it was anticipated French railroads would suffer appalling losses in equipment. To offset this and assure ample rolling stock to move over the rails as soon as they were repaired, plans for speedy transfer of American rolling stock operating in England to the Normandy coast were made. Tracks were laid in the holds of LSTs and locomotives and cars hoisted aboard and set on the

rails. Each locomotive was ready to go except for having a fire laid under its boiler.

On the French beaches, trestles were laid carrying rails out over the water. When the LSTs arrived, gasoline tractors towed the rolling stock ashore.

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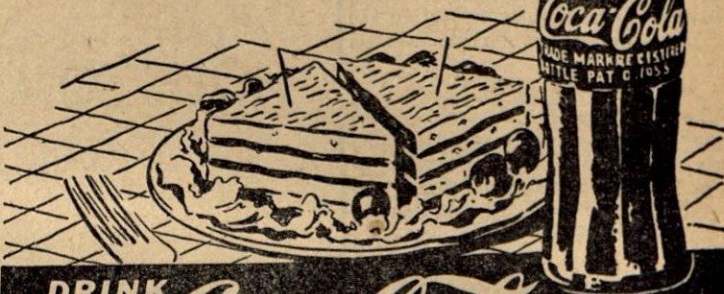
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## Harris—

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hardly a wall standing, with bricks and masonry powdered to dust.

Then a series of Normandy town and apple orchards—some names I can mention: Isigny, Mortain, Montange, Maures. Then the road to Paris—and almost getting there. I saw the Palace at Versailles by bright moonlight, and swanky, modern apartments on the outskirts of Paris; Melun, with the Seine winding through flanked by perfectly sized, ancient trees.

## Story Book Names

After that, story book names came to life—Verdun, Chateau Thierry, St. Oventin, Soissons, east to Amiens, World War I monuments and cemeteries, long straight highways, magnificent trees, estates and hedges—happy free people harvesting lush crops. Everywhere were remains of Hitler's invincible panzers, some still smoking. The war was getting near.

Suddenly—Belgium—and the war.

Liege was wonderful. If the Parisians were more delirious, I should have hated to be there. Liege is big and modern. Its people are warm and kind and grateful. I had ice cream there, the first since New York. Newly liberated people have to be seen, too—you can't tell about it.

The outer defenses of the Siegfried line looked just like the newsreels have shown it—dragon's teeth set in zig-zag designs over rolling fields. Germany has always been real to me, yet unbelievably like Valhalla or Fairyland or Atlantis. It is that way to a lot of people I know, but there it was, even to the camp for "young people" complete with a gigantic concrete swastika with huge wings spread before five towering flag poles. A large grassy court was surrounded with attractive stucco, tile-roofed cottages.

Naturally I can't tell you where I was in Germany, but I was in four towns. My strongest memory is of the forest—dark, wet, cold—cut by firebreaks, dotted with pill boxes. And mud! Armor can't get there. The real army takes over there—the Infantry.

## This Is War

Artillery knocks the tops of the tree down. Visibility is impossible. The lines are uncertain. The sun never penetrates, so the ground is always wet and cold. Roots make digging in slow and torturous. You don't shave or wash. You hardly dare smoke in daylight. At night it is impossible. Hot food or dry clothing are out of the question. You wonder what your bare feet would look like.

You stand watch at night. You hear movements. Some are real, some imaginary. You want to shout, but don't dare. You hope they won't stumble on your position, you are relieved and go carefully back to your hole. Water has seeped in. The blanket is wet. You try to sleep, getting as much of you as possible under your helmet. You wish for daylight with its cold beef hash and regular barrage.

Action is always welcome because you forget everything else. Peculiarly enough, you don't think about getting hit. You curse and pray and cry and have a curious feeling of being naked. But you have to see that, too. Much better writers than myself have tried to describe battle, but none have succeeded.

We were dug in in a forest—trees so thick that it was necessary to walk at port arms, breaking the dead limbs with the rifle to get through in most places. This position had been hotly contested, and given up with great reluctance. When you are dug in in open ground, it takes a direct hit by artillery or mortar fire to inflict any damage beyond concussion. Shrapnel can't reach you. In wooded areas, shells hit the trees and explode on impact, throwing shrapnel in every direction. A hole, unless very deep is small protection.

## Firing Methodically

There have doubtless been heavier artillery concentration than the one we received, but I wouldn't want to experience one. They were firing by maps, and very methodically, from two directions. We could hear the reports from one battery,

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hear the shells scream in, feel the explosions and the rain of hot metal smashing around the trees, then the other battery, not giving us time to swallow our hearts. This kept up two nights and two days.

We had minor casualties—shoulders nicked, calves punctured, helmets dented, and even pierced. Our little medic was heroic. He paid no attention to the shells, ran from hole to hole cheerfully tending the ones that were hurt. He was just a kid, very slight with glasses and a studious manner.

Only one fellow who went through basic with me got to the front with me. Naturally he was my buddy. I shared a two-man hole with him. A "screaming meemie" hit a tree just beyond us, nearly shaking our hole out of the ground. A hole appeared in both sides of my buddy's leggin—from back to front about shin high. He looked surprised, as they always do, and calmly announced, "That last one was too close."

Not being fully possessed of my senses, I pulled him out of the hole and carried him up to the medic who was occupied near his hole. The next thing I knew I was on the ground with my helmet jammed firmly down on my head, and all

the bells in the world were ringing in close proximity.

Honestly, I wanted to quit.

It's funny, but I thought about how Harold Lloyd used to get his straw hat pulled down over his ears. I pried the helmet off. The little medic mas messed up pretty badly. From then on it was like watching and listening to someone else.

## "I Shall Never Forget"

I shall never forget the four or five hundred yards back to the pill box that served as a battalion aid. My buddy was bleeding badly and stunned, although not seriously hurt. I could hear myself chattering like a shortstop talking up the game and all the while I was so terrified I could hardly move. I was certain the whole German army was concentrating on blocking my touchdown.

It seemed hours before someone in a wool cap appeared to help me. I mention the wool cap to demonstrate how indelibly every detail was impressed on my memory. The pill box was sanctuary, eight feet of concrete between us and the wailing banshees filling the aid. I felt good. I held a lantern while a tired medical officer cut my buddy's trouser leg and legging and shoe off. It was obvious that

the war was over for him. He laughed about it. We lit cigarettes, and I passed out.

A couple of days later I woke up and saw a little green love bird sitting on a wire directly over me. Voices were talking about a baby being born. I could hear it crying.

## It Was A Bird

"Heavens," I said, "how did I get here?" But sure enough, there was a bird. It belonged to one of the nurses in the field hospital where I was, somewhere in Belgium, and, sure enough, there was a baby born there to some German woman who had been hurt.

Among other things, the skin of my forehead and nose was missing. I had had no haircut since August 19, and no shave for weeks. I was pretty indeed.

Two days afterward I was back in England. How long I will be here, I don't know. I am not supposed to divulge the nature of my injuries, but I am happy to say that aside from small discomforts and loss of about 20 pounds, I am all right, and have no indication of any permanent disability. I have been told that I will be transferred to another hospital within a week or two for further treatment, and that it is probable that I will be reclassified.

All of your letters were swell. Now I really know what getting mail means when you haven't seen a familiar face or read a letter in so long. It is another thing you have to experience to appreciate.

Forgive me if this is a bit gar-

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With the 90th Division, France.—Membership campaign is on by the "K. K. K. K." of the 90th Division.

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Nearly every man already has gained entree to this inner circle, but recruiting members will not end until every trigger squeezer is on the rolls.

Sgt.: "What did your wife say when you came home so late last night?"

Cpl.: "Nothing. I was going to have those front teeth pulled anyway."

bled, and forgive me, too, for sort of unloading on you. It's pretty lonesome here, and it has been almost like talking to three of the best friends a guy ever had. They do a lot to make you comfortable here, and it is wonderful to be inside and warm when it's cold and raining outside, but believe me, nothing can take the place of companionship with people for whom you have great affection.

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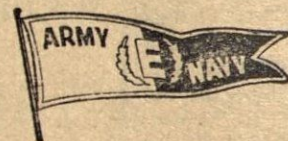
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# Reports From Co. D, 50th Bn.

The following men of Company D have been awarded bronze stars for three years' service in the Texas State Guard, having enlisted at the time the 50th Battalion was organized: Capt. George M. Alver-son, First Lt. Charles E. Collyer, Second Lt. Leonard E. Hardin, First Sgt. J. T. Starkes and Mess Sgt. Nesbit McCarley. They all are now on their second enlistments.

The following men have been recently awarded Texas State Guard Service Ribbons, having completed one year's service in the Guard: Sgt. Harry B. Hickerson, John C. Kennington, Cpl. Harold B. Kindle and Pvt. Thurman L. Henley, and (now discharged) Pvts Banks and Lucas. In celebration of the third anniversary of the 50th Battalion, a carnival was held in Texarkana on Friday night, January 26. A very entertaining program was planned and the proceeds were to be divided between the two compa-nies and headquarters located in Texarkana. (Writer's note: This article had to be sent in two weeks or more before the program date so very little could be said about the carnival.)

In checking over the discharges in Company D since its organiza-tion, it was noted that out of ap-proximately 140 men discharged about 75 per cent are now in the armed forces. They all speak or write how much the State Guard helped to make them better sol-diers, sailors or marines.

The following men attended all drills in December: Capt. Alverson, Lt. Collyer, 1/Sgt. Starkes, S/Sgts. Rice and Simmons, Sgts. Kenning-ton, Ellison and Shofner, T/5's Bradford, Swanger and Thornton, Pfc. Garber, Gehrke, Peavy, Wall and Woodall, and Pvts. Coston, Duke, Francis, Holleman, McClung, Moore, O'Neal and Stafford. Only three drills were held in December due to the Christmas holidays.

Promotions made during Decem-ber were: Sgt. Joe P. Shofner to staff sergeant and Cpl. Richard W. Ellison to sergeant. The following were enlisted in December and the first part of January: Pvts. Eman-vel Berry, Calvin O. Fowler, Cleo A. Hubbard, Robert L. Terry, Ma-rian L. Watson, Jesse T. Y'barra and Franklin Potts. Those dis-charged were: Pvts. Lawson, Lucan and Mahan.

Some two months ago a gas squad was formed by Second Lt. Hardin. Sgt. Kennington was made squad leader. Several lessons have been held on control of mobs and chemical warfare, with the whole company taking part at times.

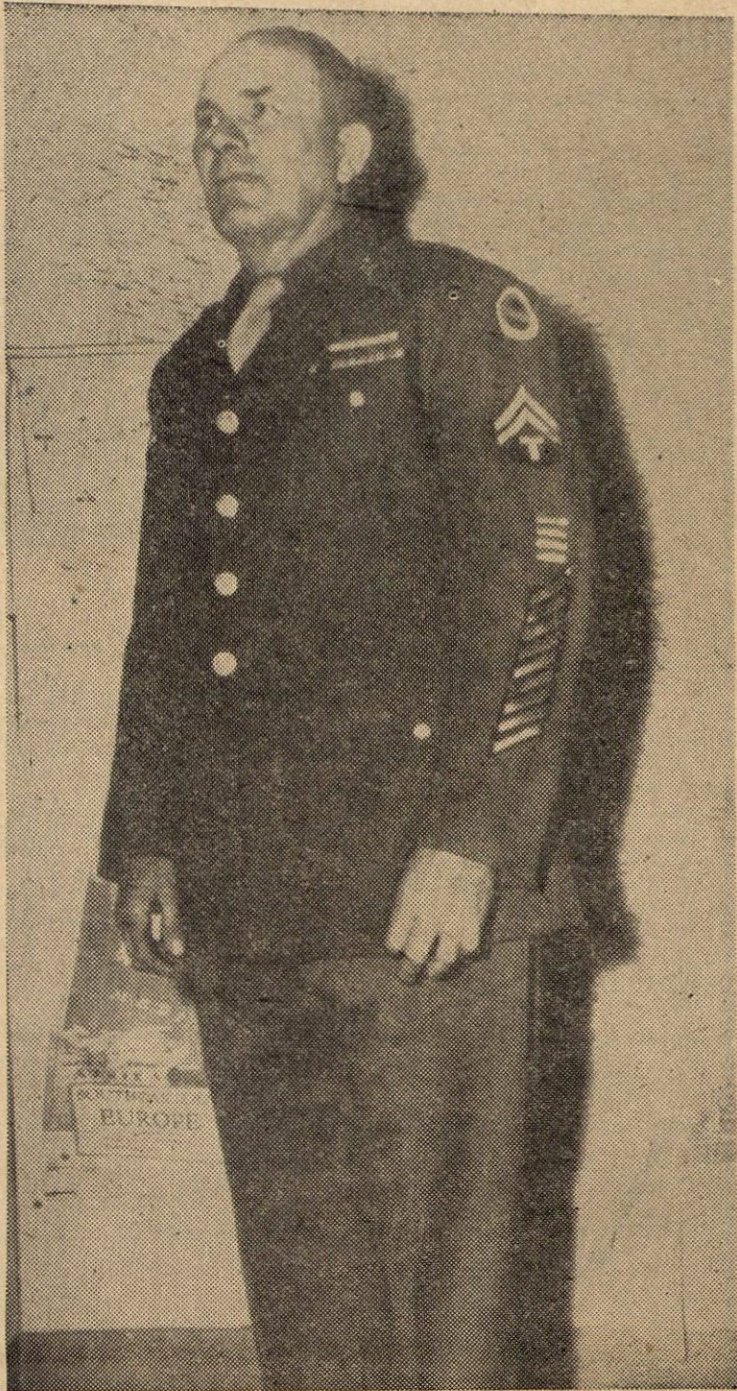
The basketball team is getting into good shape for future games. At present writing no games have been played but the team is anx-ious and ready to meet any team in or near Texarkana.

No boxing has been held due to preparations for the carnival, but is expected to get going again soon.

Sgt. Donald M. Keasler, with Company D for 2½ years, passed his physical for the armed forces on January 9 and is expecting to be called into service at any time.

A first sergeant is a source of information who is glad to give you all the details.

## The Perfect Soldier



U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Fort Benning, Ga.—57-year-old T/5 George Keisling of the infan-try school here is considered the "Perfect Soldier."

Never been late for any forma-tion.

Never missed a formation, meet-ing or mess.

Never been on sick call.

Never taken a furlough, three-day pass or an hour's pass.

Never been off an army reserva-tion except in line of duty.

Personal habits?

Well, T/5 Keisling, a bachelor, doesn't smoke, drink, chew or swear.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was 29. In the first world war he served with the Marines on Guam. At the end of his hitch he

was returned to San Francisco and discharged.

One day as a civilian was too much for him. The next morning he enlisted in the army.

Service in the army has taken the old GI to China, the Philippines, Alaska and to Attu, where he fought the Japs.

His retirement came in Decem-ber, but he didn't want to leave the army.

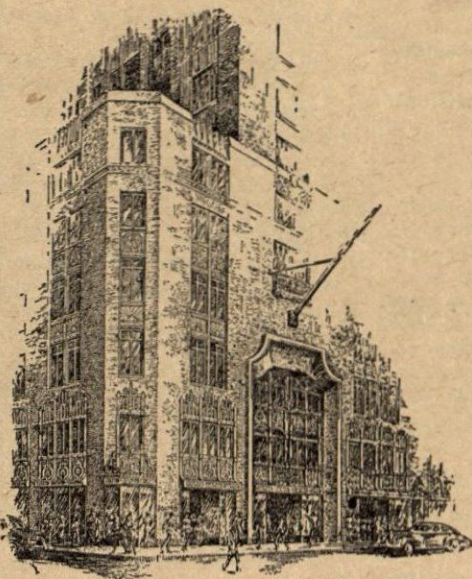
Nurse: "A woman came into our hospital the other day who was so crosseyed that the tears ran down her back."

Boy Friend:: "You couldn't do anything for her, could you?"

Nurse: "Certainly; we treated her for bacteria."

The prim old lady was given the first glass of beer she ever had. After sipping it for a moment she looked up with a puzzled air.

"How odd!" she murmured. "It tastes just like the medicine my husband has been taking for the last twenty years."



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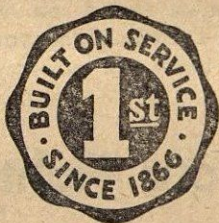
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# Maneuver Is Staged By 51st Battalion

Maneuvers for the 51st Battalion, Texas State Guard, were carried out recently at the ranch of Capt. Herman A. Dearing, midway between Grapevine and Irving on Highway 183.

At a meeting of all commissioned officers of the battalion problems concerning the maneuvers were discussed and principal weapons decided upon. All officers were ordered to report at armory at 1600 hours Saturday, at which time orders were given. All men were ordered to report at armory at 1630 and be prepared to move out in convoy by 1700.

Second Lt. B. R. Mishler was officer of the day for the maneuvers. Now, let's go back to C. P. for a more chronological report.

1600—Saturday. All officers reported at the armory and the general situation of the problem was given them by Capt. Angelo Pirano, battalion plans and training officer.

## Escaped Prisoners

Approximately 1,000 German prisoners had escaped from a south-east Texas prison farm. After overpowering the guards several trucks had been taken. Later the prisoners had broken into the State Guard armory at Waco and had taken a large quantity of guns and ammunition. After leaving Waco the prisoners entered Fort Worth and after skirmishes between the Guard the ranks of the prisoners was depleted, having been killed, wounded or captured, those remaining driving toward Dallas on Highway 183.

1600—One platoon and one machinegun squad of Co. D, under command of First Lt. W. L. Griffith, were designated to take the part of the escaped prisoners and were ordered to move out at 1645 and occupy the place assigned. 1645—Further information on the situation was received on the telephone by Captain Pirano from Colonel Younger to the effect that the prisoners had taken possession of the Dearing Ranch.

## Ordered To Move

1655—Captain Pirano ordered the battalion to move out in convoy via a designated route in junction of Belt Line Road and Highway 183, thence to point of contact with the escaped prisoners.

1800—Convoy met no resistance, arrived near Dearing Ranch and was met by Colonel Younger and Major Robert Ogden, executive officer of the battalion, who had gone before to locate the enemy and keep the prisoners under surveillance until arrival of the convoy. Colonel Younger ordered the convoy to approach the rear of the ranch by a side road.

1815—All vehicles were parked in designated place in bivouac and reconnaissance patrols were sent out to establish contact. Service detachment, commanded by Lt. F. H. Lynch, had preceded the convoy and prepared mess.

1830—Battalion command post was designated by Colonel Younger and message center established by First Lt. J. A. Pitts, battalion adjutant.

1845—First Lt. I. J. Fisher, medical detachment officer, reported battalion first aid station was established and Staff Sgt. T. L. Wood reported telephones were established with all units, including enemy.

1900—Mess call.

2000—Colonel Younger ordered Lieutenant Pitts to have all officers report at Battalion C. P. at 2030 for further discussion and orders.

2030—All officers present. Each company ordered to send out patrols in force for the purpose of isolating escaped prisoners in confined area and pen them down until dawn would permit capture with as few casualties as possible. Co. A too patrol No. 1; Co. B, patrol No. 2; Co. C, patrol No. 3; Co. D, patrol No. 4.

## Maps Furnished

2100—Each patrol leader to be furnished map. Meeting dismissed at 2100.

2120—Message from patrol No. 4

advised enemy contacted at co-ordinates 710-750.

2130—Message from patrol No. 3 advised enemy contacted at 720-950—about 25 men strong.

2145—Message from patrol No. 1 advised they were fired on at 750-950 and were advancing to investigate.

2149—Message from enemy: "All our patrols have returned to rendezvous point. One man taken prisoner. We are surrounded."

2210—Message from patrol No. 2 advised enemy located in house at 780-850.

2221—Cpl. Miller L. Jones of patrol No. 3 reported at battalion C. P. he had been captured by enemy but had escaped with submachine gun while they questioned two other captives.

2230—Sgt. Watt, patrol No. 3, reported one man of his patrol had been captured and also confirmed previous report of enemy strength.

2255—Colonel Younger ordered first phase of maneuvers over at 2300.

2305—Lt. Post reported with patrol No. 4 stating enemy left surrounded in house at 750-850.

2345—Taps.

0630—Sunday. Reveille. Mess call.

## Situation Discussed

0730—All officers reported at battalion C. P. for further orders. Developments of situation discussed. Capt. Gragg, C. O. of Co. A, ordered to have two machine guns placed to cover south and west sides of house. Captains Dearing, Fitch and Pender ordered to close in with

Companies B, C and D from north and east. Ordered to take all precaution necessary so that few casualties among guards would result. Each unit was well supplied with practice grenades and blank ammunition.

0800—Battalion was ordered to move out in column of companies. After coming in view of the house runners were sent back to relay to each company C. O. to report at designated place for further discussion and after deployed for position at 650-1200.

0820—Forward point made contact. Lt. Pitts ordered all officers to report at 750-1000. C. P. established at 750-1000. All were ordered to stay 100 yards from house.

0830—Under cover of smoke screen the enemy was attacked and while there were no actual casualties many were hit by debris from bursting grenades and potato bombs.

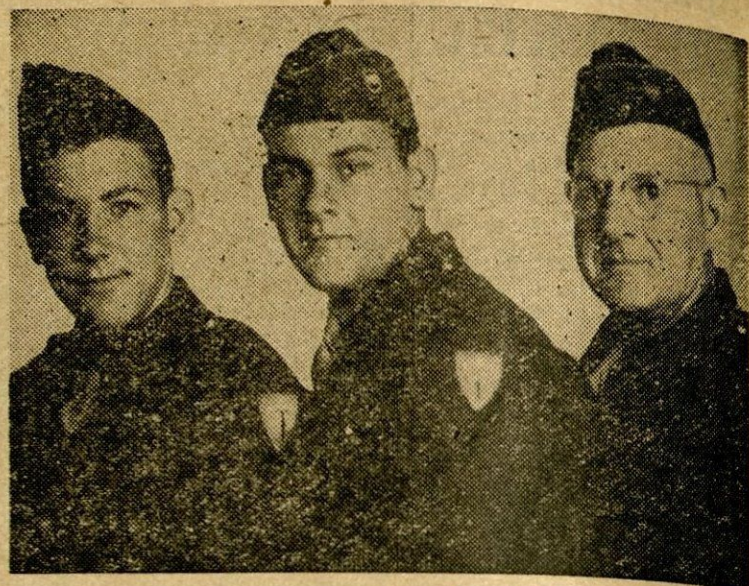
0900—Enemy came out with hands up.

0915—Colonel Younger declared the maneuvers over and in the following discussions expressed gratification for the success of the maneuver and experience gained by the guardsmen.

A personal affairs officer was dictating a letter. In doubt as to the use of a certain phrase, he asked the stenographer: "Do you retire the loan?"

The stenographer looked up at him and replied, "No sire, I sleep with mama."

# Father And Son Team



Above is shown another of the Texas State Guard's Father and Son teams. They are, left to right: Staff Sgt. W. N. Hill, Pfc. W. D. Hill and Pvt. G. G. Hill the father. They are members of Company C, Second Battalion, of Houston. Another son, M. M. Hill, has been in the navy for the past three years.

Working in a war production plant, a man let his coat get in a revolving wheel.

He was whisked up and whirled 'round and 'round until the foreman managed to switch off the machine. The workman fell to the ground, and up rushed the foreman.

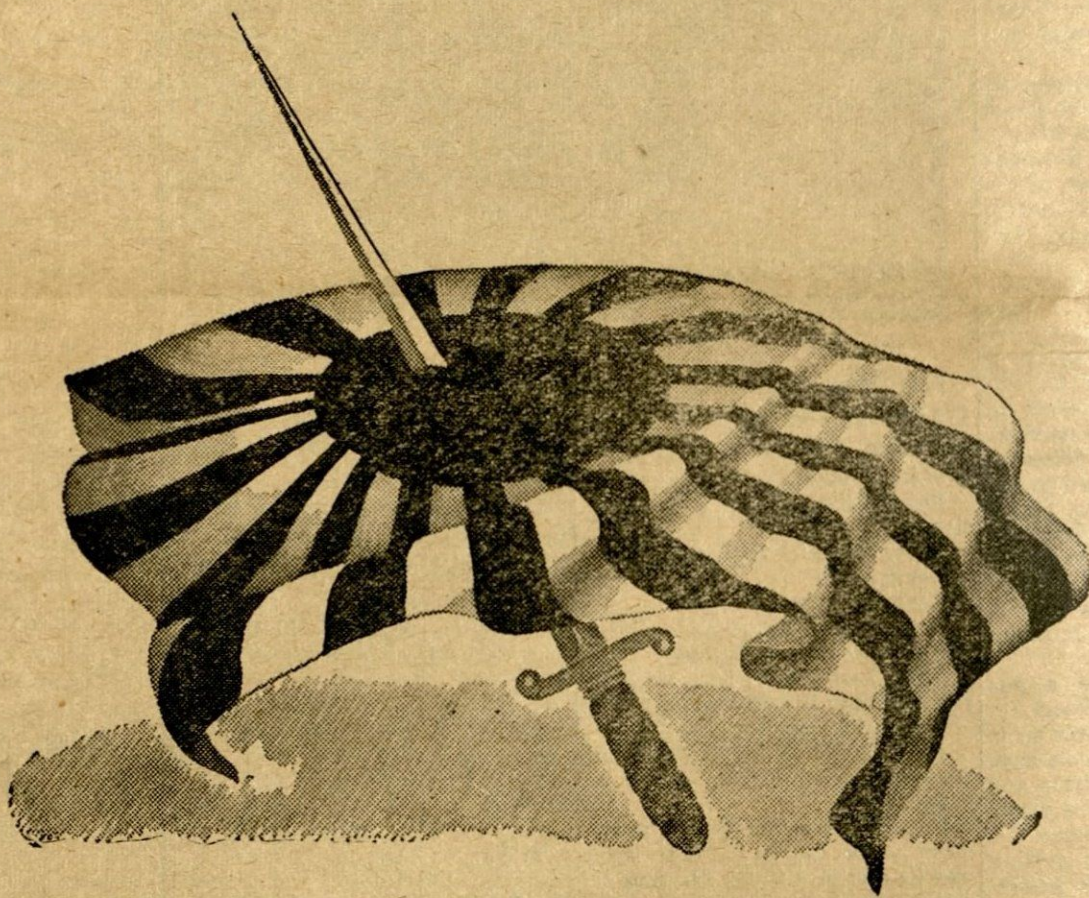
"Speak to me, speak to me," he said.

"Why should I?" asked the workman. "I passed you six times just now and you didn't speak to me."

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Kiss me kid, I'm vaccinated.

Two men, Wood and Stone, were standing on a corner. A pretty girl walked by. Wood turned to Stone. Stone turned to Wood. They both turned to rubber and the girl turned into a postoffice.



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## What Victory Means To Me

Rome.—Winner of the \$500 War Bond prize in a theater-wide contest was Pvt. Isadore Rubin of Brooklyn, serving with a Fifth Army tank destroyer battalion. His essay, "What Victory Means to Me," is as follows:

At the moment it is difficult to think of victory as meaning anything but an end to fear, to loneliness and death, and a chance to go back to pick up the strands of interrupted life.

But victory means much more. With victory we stand on the threshold of limitless inventions and comforts; we possess the resources to extend our horizons in every field of endeavor and every aspect of human relations.

However, ancient and stubborn enemies are still to be conquered, enemies which must be overcome not by armies but by minds and hearts and talents set wholly free. Such enemies are poverty, insecurity, prejudice, disunity.

These, too, shall be conquered, for we have begun to think more deeply and more dynamically, and if we can sweep aside untold obstacles to smash the most ruthlessly efficient machines of destruction ever devised, surely we possess the vision and practical genius to organize for peace, security and a world designed for living.

Till now many have ruled because of accident of birth and power of wealth but throughout the world the unfit, the weaklings and the traitors are falling by the wayside. New leaders are rising from the people—those who never sold their heritage of courage, faith and simple human dignity.

With victory we shall have destroyed those who would have enslaved the world. Our sacrifices have been great but we have won the opportunity to emerge from the animal kingdom and enter the kingdom of man.

I look forward to living in such a world.—Army Times.

## Billions In Arms And Ammunition Being Turned Out By U. S.

New York.—Thirteen hundred representatives of the modern small-arms and ammunition industry honored Maj. Gen. Leevin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, USA, and celebrated the industry's fifth anniversary at a dinner here at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

General Campbell in reciting the achievements of an industry which employed but 5000 people in 1939, stated that in four-and-a-half years it has produced 19 billion .20 caliber cartridges, eight and a half billion .50 caliber cartridges, seven billion rounds of pistol and carbine ammunition, and three billion rounds of rifle ammunition for lend-lease, besides 1,700,000 .50 caliber machine guns, 11 million rifles and carbines, and 4,000,000 pistols, rifles and machine guns.

He warned that the increased tempo of war demands higher production and said approved requirements this year call for production of 375,000,000 .30 caliber cartridges a month, 250,000,000 .50 caliber cartridges, and 175,000,000 rounds of pistol and carbine ammunition.

"Daddy, if you'll give me a dime, I'll tell you what the ice man said to Mama."

"Okay son, here's your dime."

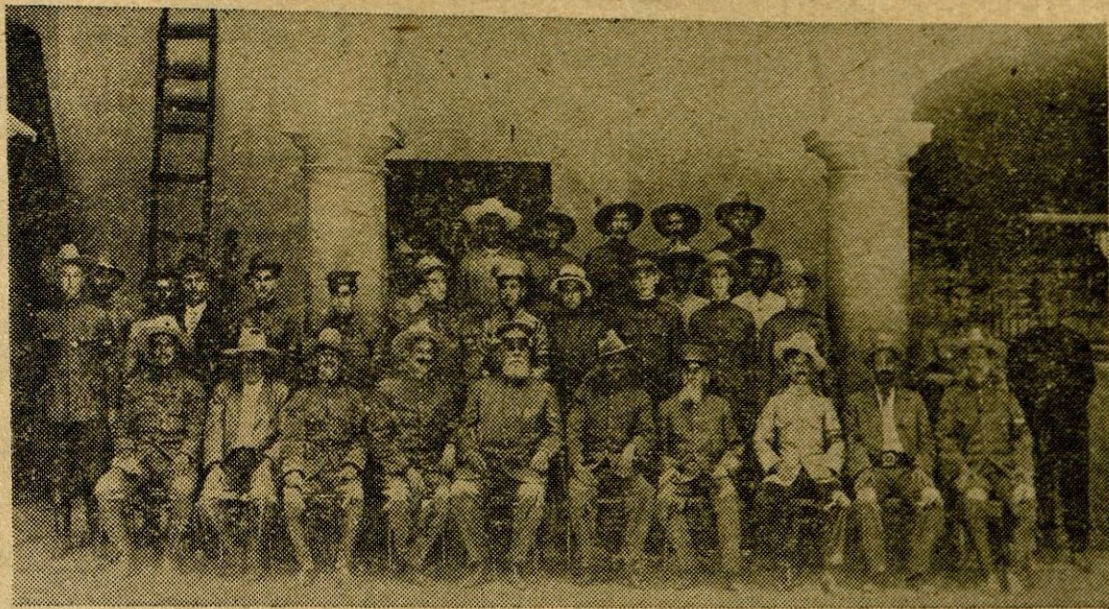
"Do you want any ice today, lady?"

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## 13th Captain Was Once Full Colonel



Believe it or not, the pictures above show a member of the Texas State Guard. True, he does not wear the patch, but then—there was no patch nor guard then. The top one shows Capt. Samuel Alexander, 13th Battalion, when he was on the staff of Gen. Carranza years ago in Mexico. He is on the extreme left.

Bottom photo shows him in another pose during those hectic years. He's at the right here. While a boy he took part in Mexican revolutions, rising from second lieutenant to full colonel in the army south of the border.

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## U. S. Built 96,369 Planes During 1944

Washington.—United States aircraft plants turned out 96,369 planes of all types in 1944 to match the record-breaking achievements of other war industries, despite mid-summer setbacks.

J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, announced the 1944 figure as compared with the

85,946 plane output in 1944, but said the total air-frame weight for 1944 was approximately 50 per cent greater than in 1943. The 96,369 planes produced have a total air-frame weight of 1,112,000,000 pounds.

The rise in air-frame weight indicates the degree by which plane planners are shifting from light planes to heavy combat bombers and heavy fighting planes.

It was planned originally to produce 109,000 planes in 1944, but planned reductions in aircraft production went into effect last summer.

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## Non-Combat Men Training For Front Line

Rome.—GIs deeply rooted in relatively soft administrative jobs who haven't shouldered a rifle since hitting foreign soil—together with other non-combat troops—are to be shoved into service as front-line infantry.

Allied headquarters took the lid off the secrecy surrounding its conversion plan in Italy at the same time as Gen. Ben Lear, commanding the Army Ground Forces, revealed in Washington that a radical change in the AGF mission had already resulted in its getting 80,000 men from the air and service forces.

The program in the Italian theater is now centered at one of the best training sites in this country. It already has turned out hundreds of brand new doughboys. A peak enrollment of 10,000 is expected at the site within 60 days.

A key to the overall picture for the entire American Army is contained in the remarks of General Lear. He said:

"This is not a sudden manpower shift to balance the scales by any means. It can be taken instead as an index that under the changed mission of the ground forces the usefulness of these soldiers has ceased in their previous services and now exists to a great degree in the ground forces."

In Italy, the shift from desk to foxhole is being conducted by the Mediterranean Replacement Command and is patterned after the latest battle doctrines gleaned from first-line sources as well as from the techniques of the Fort Benning Infantry School.

Such a plan has been in operation for a long time on a very restricted scale but the program is now centered and greatly accelerated.

The course lasts three months with new classes arriving on such a schedule as to permit graduations every week.

Of prime importance in the program is the fact that the instructors will be battle-hardened veterans of the Italian front, the men who learned the hard way.—Army Times.

Oh bury me by the numbers,  
My fingers extended and joined,  
My hips level, knees straight and  
without stiffness,  
My head will not be toined  
My feet at an angle of 45 degrees,  
My body will be at attention  
But my mind will be at ease.

Wife: "I had to marry you to find out how stupid you were."

Husband: "You should have known that when I asked you."

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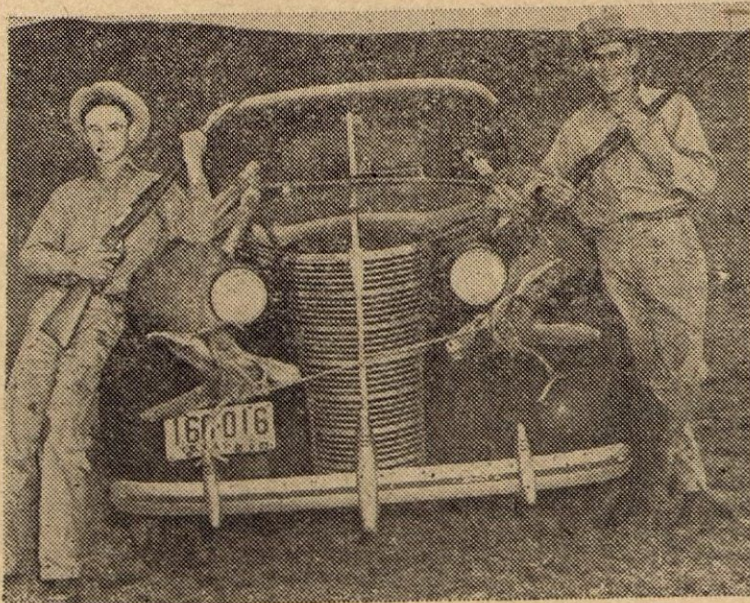
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## Guard Training Helps In Many Ways



These two Texas State Guardsmen, belonging to the Headquarters Detachment, Third Battalion, Alpine, say they are about ready to take after the Japs. Recently after school hours they went out into the Davis Mountains near Alpine and each brought back a nice sized black-tail deer. Some of the old-time hunters spent sev-

eral days out with no luck.

On the left is Private Keesey Kimball, who is president of the Texas FFA Chapter, and on the right is Private John Dow Harris, president of the Alpine FFA Chapter. Incidentally, this Chapter was rated among the high "Six" of the Nation this year.

Wolf: "Would you turn off the lights if we were sitting over on the davenport?"

Girl: "Why, of course not—you lazy thing."

Father: "How is it, young man, that I find you hugging and kissing my daughter? How is it, I ask?"

Pfc.: "Oh, it's great, it's really great."

## General Gives Seven Rules For Success In Army Life

Camp Ellis, Ill.—Maj. Gen. Russell B. Reynolds, commanding general, Sixth Service Command, who rose from a private in 1916 to a two-star general, told enlisted men at Camp Ellis during a recent visit that there is no magic or mystery in the formula for success in the Army.

Highlighting his remarks with the adage, "He profits most who serves best," the General laid out seven cardinal rules for successful Army life:

1. Know your assigned obj.
2. Study, practice and learn so you can do the job ahead.
3. Learn as much as you can of man and his ways.
4. War is a crisis, so be ready for any crisis that might arise.
5. Gain the goodwill of associ-

ates, both junior and senior.

6. A sense of humor helps a lot.

7. Few people are "pulled" upward. Most are "pushed" upward by capable, loyal subordinates who gain the greatest satisfaction the success of their chief.

The General postscripted his remarks with a blanket statement: "A bit of luck helps," he added.

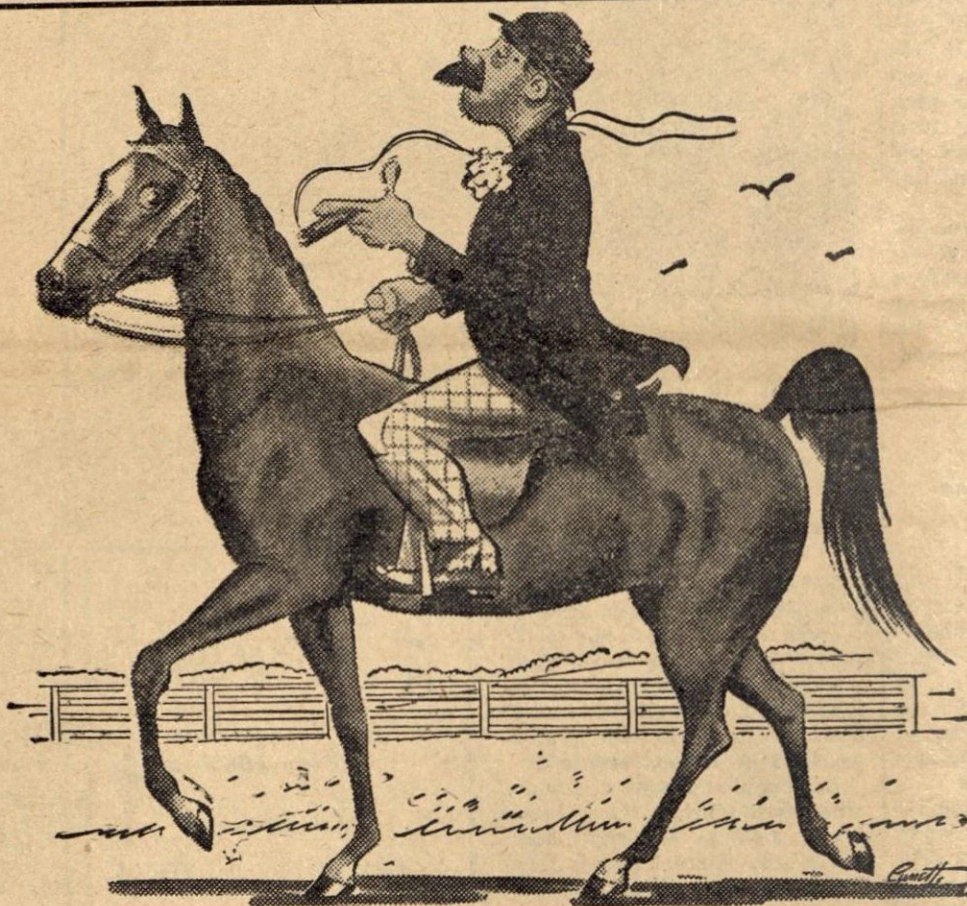
After completing his first inspection here, he said: "Camp Ellis has made notable contributions to the conduct of the war through the scores of units it has created, trained and equipped for service in the fighting theaters. There is still a training mission to perform here and I congratulate Col. John S. Sullivan and his training staff on their achievements."—Army Times.

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